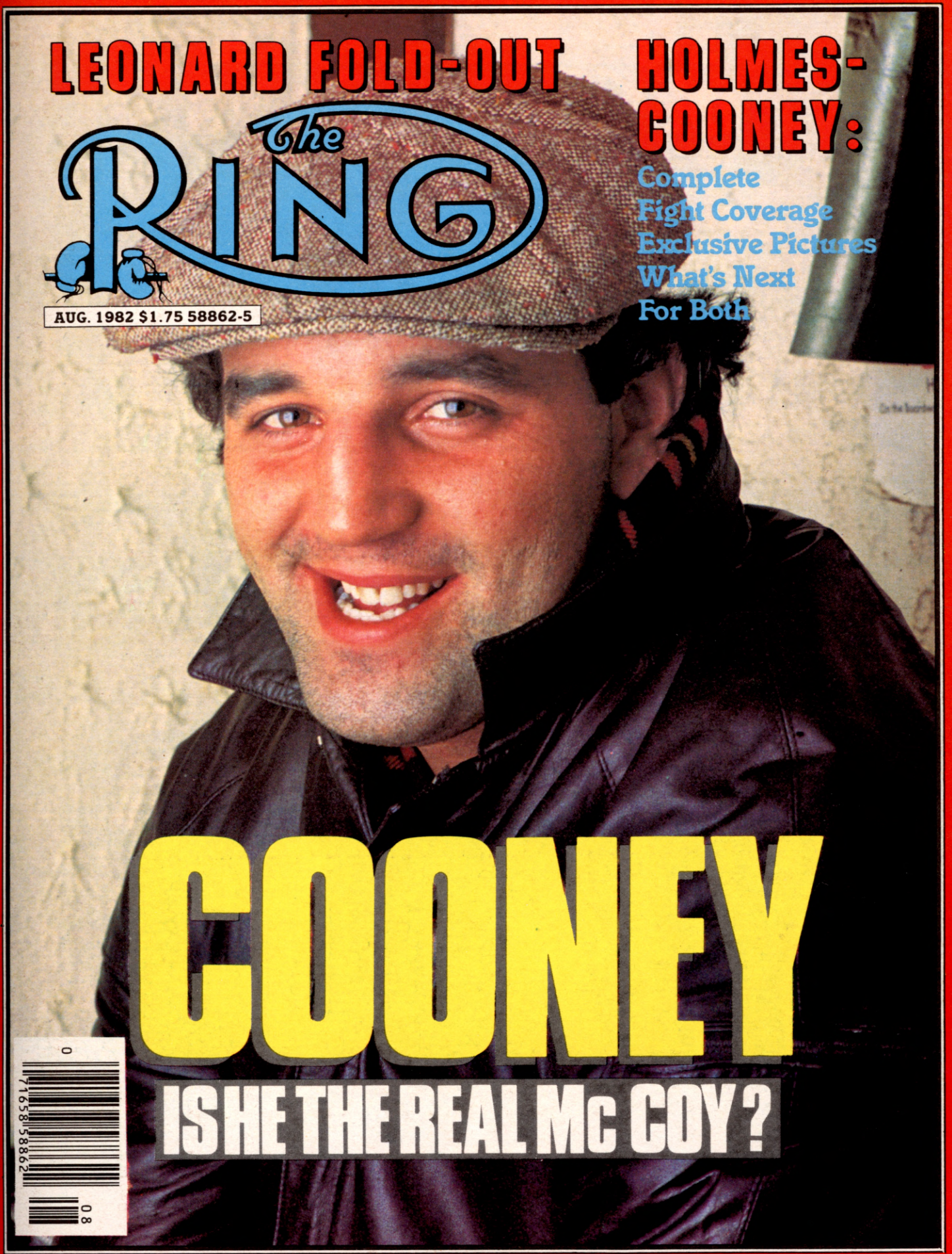
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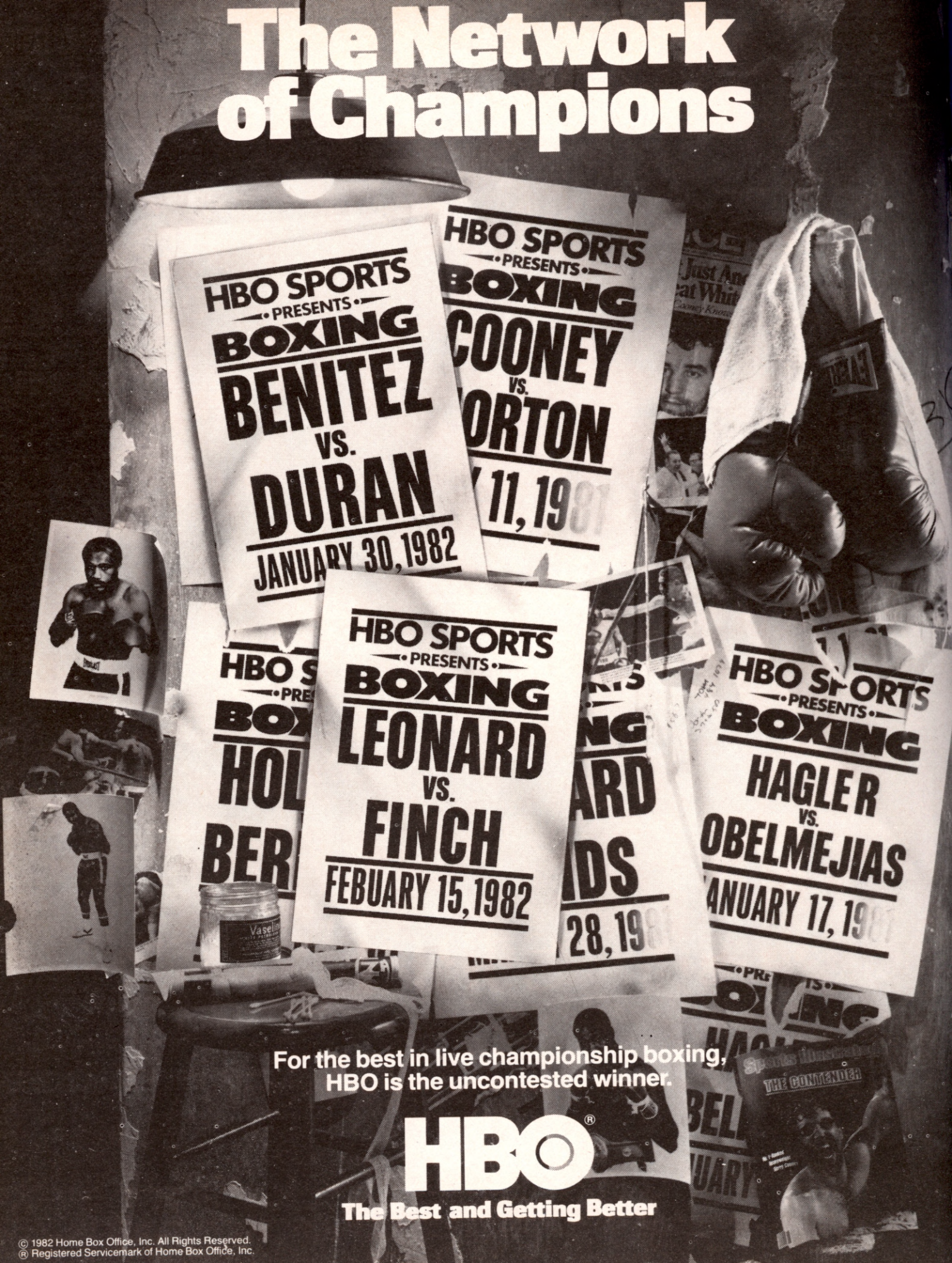

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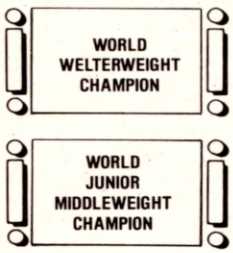

Boxing's biggest attraction was born Ray Charles Leonard on May 17, 1956 in Wilmington, North Carolina . . . Began fighting as an amateur at 14 . . . Won 145 out of 150 amateur bouts, knocking out 75 opponents . . . Won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1975 . . . Represented the United States as a 140-pounder in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal . . . Fought his way into the finals with five consecutive decisions . . . Won the gold medal by winning a 5-0 decision against Cuba's Andres Aldama . . . Height: 5'10" . . . Reach: 74" . . . Turned pro in February, 1977 . . . Won six fights that first year . . . Added 11 more victories the following year and nine more in 1979 . . . Biggest victories are against Armando Muniz (KO 6), Adolfo Viruet (W 10), Marcos Geraldo (W 10), Tony Chiaverini (KO 4), Pete Ranzany (KO 4), Andy Price (KO 1), Wilfred Benitez (KO 15 for the world welterweight title in November, 1979), Roberto Duran (KO 8 to regain the title he lost by decision to Duran in June, 1980) and Ayub Kalule (KO 9 for the world junior middleweight championship in June, 1981) . . . His biggest victory was against Thomas Hearns in Las Vegas on September 16, 1981 . . . At the time, Leonard was recognized by "The Ring" as world welterweight champion, Hearns by the WBA as king of the 147-pounders . . . In a brilliant, tactical fight, Leonard stopped "The Hitman" at 1:45 of the 14th round . . . In his lone 1982 defense, halted Bruce Finch in the third round . . . Was scheduled to defend against Roger Stafford in May, but a detached retina in Leonard's left eye cancelled the bout . . . Leonard underwent successful surgery, but it will not be until October or November before the boxing world knows whether it will ever see Leonard in action again . . . Has become one of Madison Avenue's most sought personalities for radio and television commercials . . . HBO hires him to work as their expert analyst on championship fights, while ABC uses him in the same capacity for its weekly boxing series, "Sugar Ray Leonard's Golden Gloves" . . . Should he return to boxing, a $15-20 million dollar payday awaits Leonard in a fight against middleweight champion Marvin Hagler in 1983 . . . Overall record: 32-1, 23 knockouts.

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Feb.	5—Luis Vega, Baltimore	W	6
May	14—Willie Rodriguez, Baltimore	W	6
June	10—Vinnie DeBarros, Hartford	KO	3
Sept.	24—Frank Santore, Baltimore	KO	5
Nov.	5—Augustin Estrada, Las Vegas	KO	5
Dec.	17—Hector Diaz, Washington D.C.	KO	2
	1978		
Feb.	4—Rocky Ramon, Baltimore	W	8
Mar.	1—Art McKnight, Dayton	KO	7
Mar.	19—Javier Muniz, New Haven	KO	1
Apr.	13—Bobby Haymon, Landover	KO	3
May	13—Randy Milton, Utica	KO	8
June	3—Rafael Rodriguez, Baltimore	W	10
July	18—Dick Eckland, Boston	W	10
Sept.	9—Floyd Mayweather, Providence	KO	9
Oct.	6—Randy Shields, Baltimore	W	10
Nov.	3—Bernardo Prada, Portland, Me.	W	10
Dec.	9—Armando Muniz, Springfield	KO	6
	1979		
Jan.	11—Johnny Gant, Landover	KO	8
Feb.	11—Fernand Marcotte, Miami Beach	KO	8
Mar.	24—Daniel Gonzales, Tucson	KO	1
Apr.	21—Adolfo Viruet, Las Vegas	W	10
May	20—Marcos Geraldo, New Orleans	W	10
June	24—Tony Chiaverini, Las Vegas	KO	4
Aug.	12—Pete Ranzany, Las Vegas (Won NABF Welterweight Title)	KO	4
Sept.	28—Andy Price, Las Vegas (Retained NABF Welterweight Title)	KO	1
Nov.	30—Wilfred Benitez, Las Vegas (Won World Welterweight Title)	KO	15
	1980		
Mar.	31—Dave (Boy) Green, Landover (Retained World Welterweight Title)	KO	4
June	20—Roberto Duran, Montreal (Lost World Welterweight Title)	L	15
Nov.	25—Roberto Duran, New Orleans (Regained World Welterweight Title)	KO	8
	1981		
Mar.	28—Larry Bonds, Syracuse (Retained World Welterweight Title)	KO	10
June	25—Ayub Kalule, Houston (Won World Junior Middleweight Title)	KO	9
Sept.	16—Thomas Hearns, Las Vegas (Retained World Welterweight Title)	KO	14
	1982		
Feb.	15—Bruce Finch, Reno, Nev	KO	3

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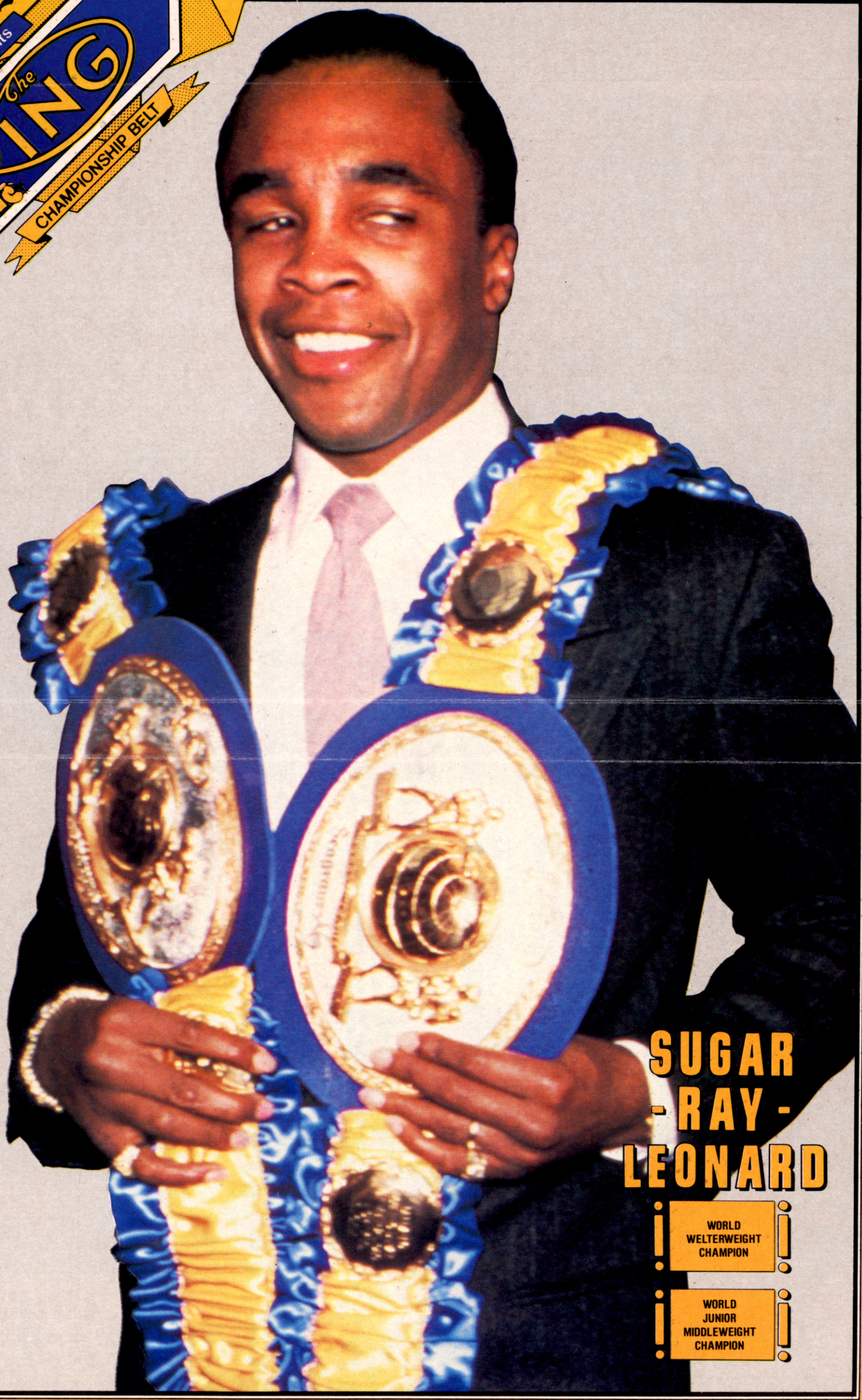

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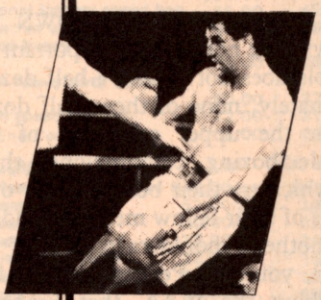

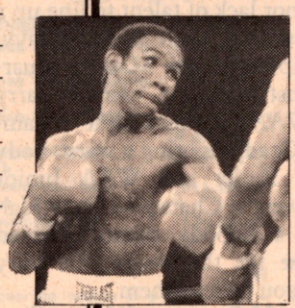

RINGSIDE

THE NUMBER OF MEN KNOWN TO boxing who are not in some important respect fools does not exceed a half dozen. Unfortunately, none of those half dozen reside in the upper echeleons of the worldwide boxing commissions, three dwarfs which try their best to tower over the heads of their fellow men by standing on one another's shoulders in turn.

Three?, you say. Perhaps you've forgotten about the WAA, that Frankensteinian creation of Pat O'Grady, a man who has cited his experience in being shipwrecked as befitting his profound ability to command a luxury liner. The way O'Grady has run the WAA, the only thing missing is the gleam of a highwayman's pistol and the words "stand" and "deliver."

Take the recent WAA "title" bouts at Oklahoma City's Myriad for example. Please! O'Grady, who spared neither time, money nor lack of talent to line up a thrilling threesome, with WAA Heavyweight Champion Monte Masters squaring off against someone named Larry Simmons, WAA Welterweight Champion Sean O'Grady fighting a warm body named Oran Butlet and WAA Junior Light Heavyweight Champion Jerry Halstead facing a nobody named Darren Encline—three for the books, the fairy tale books, if you believe them.

Masters, at 25-0, went right at Simmons, whom, some ringsiders believed, carried a redolent aroma of spirits into the ring with his announced 14-0 record. Both were undoubtedly moonshine, his 14 fights, in reality, only three, and his 194 pounds closer to 175. Whatever his credentials, or lack thereof, at the first sign of a left jab, Simmons went down. Making it to his feet at the count of eight, he took a right. End of fight.

O'Grady's fight with Butler, listed at 39-10-2, but, in reality, the proud possessor of four pro fights, was even faster, if that were possible. Of his record, Butler could only say, "My manager told me they printed this record because they wanted the fans to have a good time."

The last of this unlasting trilogy was Halstead-Encline, who, although listed at 19-2, was soon reclining in his very first pro bout. Encline-Recline put up no defense whatsoever and ducked out of the ring to evade the punches of Halstead, took a standing eight-count, reentered the ring to take a few more harmless punches and was counted "out" while standing up.

Oklahoma City fans, who have heretofore clung to their faith in O'Grady like a strong swimmer to a pretty painted plank drifting seaward with the tide, might just have had enough and relegated O'Grady, his WAA and his cards out to sea—all 2,500 of them booing the results and lack of efforts longer than the fights themselves.

We know of no profession in which the standard of honor is so low as that which exists in boxing; and none lower than the WAA, with O'Grady and his little clique of special idolators—including Champ Thomas, who spent very little time indeed in the corners of the "opponents" imported from Denver for this spectacle.

We cannot withhold the present slight tribute to his equally slight talent and hope he and the WAA will now quietly fade away. Then, and only then, can we say:

"Beneath these mounds the WAA reposes;
Step lively, fans—and hold your noses."

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THE WBA DOESN'T ALWAYS USE ITS veto rule to suspend its other rules. Sometimes they just let them run their own course, which is damage and insult enough.

Take the case of Bernie Soto Rivera, an Olympian in 1956, a veteran of over thirty fights and a referee in South Florida since 1965.

Rivera applied for a WBA license in an attempt to fulfill his lifetime ambition of being the third man in a world's title fight. His resume included endorsements from Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, Chris Dundee and boxing writer Hank Kaplan.

In response to his application for a license Alberto Aleman, International Officials Committee Director of the WBA sent Rivera a letter saying that according to their regulations referee applicants for referee's credentials must be under the age of forty-five. He further said no exceptions would be made. This from an association famous for changing and creating rules to fit the occasion.

So at only 48—an age where Rivera, with a few WBA connections, could probably be fighting for a title—a man's dream appears to have ended. Maybe the WBA should check with youthful Arthur Mercante, who is only 63, to see if 48 is too old.

THE CANDY MAN CAN'T

FOR THE THIRD TIME IN AS MANY scheduled bouts, Detroit lightweight Greg "Candy Man" Coverson has pulled out of fights in Madison Square Garden.

The latest "no show" came in a scheduled match against Cocoa Sanchez on June 4. Coverson told the Garden he has swollen glands and a pinched nerve in his neck.

Despite his 29-0 record. Coverson has turned into a real pain-in-the-neck New York boxing fans who no longer be suckered in by a "Candy Man" who won't deliver.

AGE SPOTS

GEORGE KIMBALL, COLUMNIST for the Boston Herald-American, poked a jab at promoter John Galiardi's June 1 card in Cranston, Rhode Island by writing that three of the fighters scheduled—Carlos Marks, Eddie Owens and Jose Pagan had combined ages of 112 years.

According to Kimball, Gagliardi escorted him to the dressing room on fight night and had the three fighters produce identification to prove the writer mistaken.

Gagliardi was right. Their combined ages were only 106 years.

CHUVALO STILL TAKES IT ON THE CHIN—THIS TIME FINANCIALLY

GEORGE CHUVALO, 44, COULD always take the best shots of any fighter he faced. But this time he finally seems to be in over his head.

For two and a half years the Bank of Montreal has been trying to collect $31,566 from Chuvalo, who has agreed to disclose details of his finances to the bank in an effort to avoid a contempt of court citation.

The former heavyweight contender, who was never floored in his long career, claims he has been floored by his financial condition and is now "Tap City."

A "BLACK MARK" AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

WE HAVE CONTINUALLY HEARD about the so-called evils of fighting in South Africa: Apartheid, injustices, and second-class citizenship. Such generalities have been relegated to the category of hearsay. That is, until recently.

Now it has come to *Ring*'s attention that immediately after the recent Davey Moore-Charlie Weir WBA Junior Middleweight championship fight an incident took place which cannot be classified as mere hearsay, but must, instead, be entered as a "black" mark against South Africa.

Seems that immediately after his stunning 5th-round knockout of Weir, Moore was being shuttled back to the hotel in one of the busses provided by the promoter. As the bus came to a small side street, it was hailed by two white men. Inexplicably, the bus driver stopped the van and the two white men came around to the passenger side—in South Africa, the left side of the van—and, through the open window, reached in and slapped Moore.

Almost immediately, Moore's trainer, Leon Washington, himself a black, leaped out of the car and rushed to the defense of his warrior, landing a knockout blow of his own to the assailant's jaw. Not only did the force of

the blow shatter Washington's hand, but the momentum of his follow-through drove him to the pavement where he fell, breaking his kneecap in the process.

Boxing, if not human beings, deserve better protection. And, if South Africa cannot provide such, politics aside, no boxer, white or black, having put his physical well-being on the line inside the ring, should have to put up with that crap outside.

BOXERS ARE MADE, NOT BORN DEPT.

CAN A FIGHTER BE MADE? CARL Lombardo, a self-made Cleveland millionaire, thinks so. And to prove his point, he's trying to make two of them: his sons Sammy and Gerard.

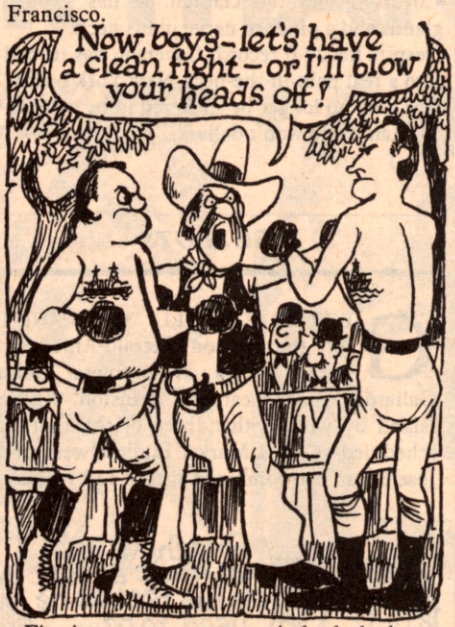
Lombardo, who always wanted to be a boxer himself, has supplied the boys with everything he thinks could possibly further them on their way. This includes a gym, built by Lombardo, a trainer and financing for out-of-state boxing tournaments. Already Sammy, 11, has compiled a 36-12 record and his brother Gerard, nine, is 19-1.

And how do the boys feel about their father's actions? Both smile and declare they're going to be boxers when they grow up. When pressed for a reason, Sammy responds, "It's fun hitting people. It gives me a challenge, a chance to show I'm best."

HISTORY REWRITTEN, ROUND ONE

THE SAN FRANCISCO COURT OF Historical Review and Appeals has decided to review the highly controversial heavyweight boxing match between Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey, held December 2, 1896, in San Francisco. Specifically, the Court will consider the actions and conduct of referee Wyatt Earp, noted gun fighter and former marshal of O.K. Corral fame.

The winner of the fight was to receive $10,000—an unusually high sum in those days. Fitzsimmons was winning the fight when he knocked Sharkey down and out in the eighth round with his celebrated "solar plexus" punch. However, Earp responded to the KO by holding his hand over Sharkey's head declaring him the winner on a foul by Fitzsimmons, a decision he enforced by brandishing his six-shooter. Charges of "fix" ran rampant, and the city's ensuing outrage almost caused boxing to be banned in San Francisco.



Fitzsimmons went on to win both the heavy and light heavyweight titles. Sharkey retired within four years. But the controversy lives on . . . And on . . . And on . . .

ART FOR ART'S SAKE

IN SHOW BUSINESS IT'S DR. IRWIN Corey who holds himself out to be "The World's Foremost Authority on Everything." In sports—at least in New York—it's Art Rust, talk show personality.

Seems that Rust highly values his opinions, whether they be on baseball, baseketball or boxing. But even though he has written a book on baseball. "Get That Nigger Off the Field," as well as one on boxing, "Joe Louis: My Life," most of the calls he gets on his show are on boxing. And it is here that Rust shows his own version of ring rust. First, he picked Thomas Hearns over Sugar Ray Leonard, refusing even to call Leonard "Sugar." Then, he compounded the felony by picking Cooney over Holmes, feeling that it would be "three punches, a punch to the head, the ribs and a big left, back to the head." Moreover, he picked up one of Dennis Rappaport's shibboleths to explain away whether Cooney could take a punch, "We may never find out if Gerry Cooney can take a punch," he said, implying that his punching power was just too awesome to allow someone to get close enough to deliver one of their own.

It comes as no surpirse that had Cooney won Rust had counted himself first in line for "a big book deal" on Cooney. But what does come as a surprise is that Rust is now, using a baseball metaphor he understands so well, 0-for-3 also throwing in his gratuitous pre-fight prediction, "Cooney will be the first undefeated white heavyweight champ since Rocky Marciano."

Seems that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, especially in Rust's case. Maybe he should stick to baseball!

FAIR IS FAIR . . . AND FOUL IS ENOUGH

BRITISH WELTERWEIGHT CHAMpion and *The Ring*'s seventh-ranked contender, Colin Jones, had his unbeaten record of twenty wins come to an end despite knocking out his opponent, Curtis "Razor" Ramsey, in the third round of a bout in England.

According to referee Adrian Morgan, Jones hit Ramsey on the back of the neck while he was down on one knee, causing him to spin around and hit his head on the canvas.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

BOB MELNICK, 85, VETERAN FIGHT manager of such boxers as Ralph "Tiger" Jones, Yama Bahama, Roger Donhue and Joey Lopes in Seattle, Washington.

PUNCHLINES

BEAU JACK, FORMER LIGHTweight champ on why fighters don't have as many bouts as they used to: "Because they're lazy."

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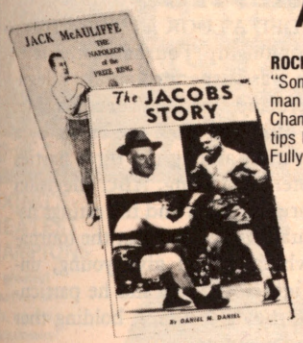

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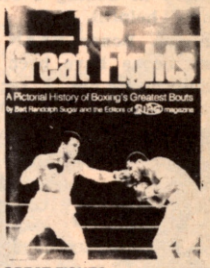

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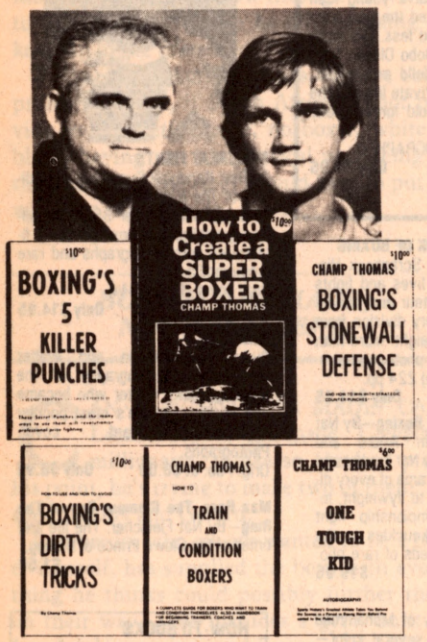

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THIRTY YEARS AGO

RING EXAMINED THE JUNE 6, 1952 JERSEY JOE WALCOTT-Ezzard Charles heavyweight championship bout, in which Walcott retained his title with a controversial unanimous decision. Dan Daniels argued that regardless of whether Charles actually won the fight, he should have made a much better showing considering Walcott's advanced age (38) and lesser stamina. Daniels stated that wasting opportunities such as the Walcott fight was typical of Charles throughout his career. He added that an elimination bout between Rocky Marciano and Harry ("Kid") Matthews had been set up to determine the next opponent for Walcott.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

RING PREVIEWED THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER SONNY Liston-Floyd Patterson heavyweight championship bout. Roy Harris, who had fought both fighters, analyzed their respective styles and predicted Liston would win. Editor Nat Loubet questioned why New York's boxing commission —which had denied Liston a boxing license—would not say whether it would recognize a victorious Liston as champion. Liston promised that if he won he would be "a fighting champion" like Joe Louis, and not dodge top contenders.

Meanwhile, overseas, Sweden's Ingemar Johansson KO'd Dick Richardson of Wales in the eighth round of their heavyweight bout—held in Goteborg, Sweden—to regain the championship of Europe. Charley Parrish questioned whether Floyd Patterson or Sonny Liston—should he succeed Patterson as champion—would grant Johansson a chance at the world heavyweight title.

BACK IN THE RING

FIVE YEARS AGO

EDITOR NAT LOUBET PROVIDED A LOOK AT THE STORY behind the United States Championship Tournament, a televised boxing tournament which was suspended amidst allegations of kickbacks, house fighters and "padded" records. Mr. Loubet stated the tourney was hindered from the outset by a lack of organization and cooperation among the three parties attempting to put it on: promoter Don King, ABC television and *Ring*, which supplied the original idea and the ratings used to rank the fighters. Mr. Loubet reiterated that the tournament idea was a good one which would give young, unheralded fighters a chance to fight for titles, and he particularly criticized ABC for the tourney's troubles, holding that ABC attempted to act as a second promoter.

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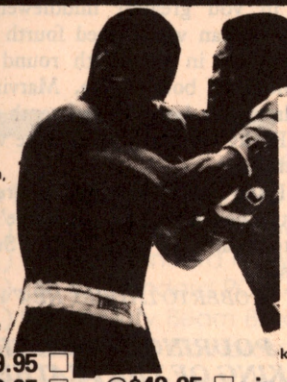

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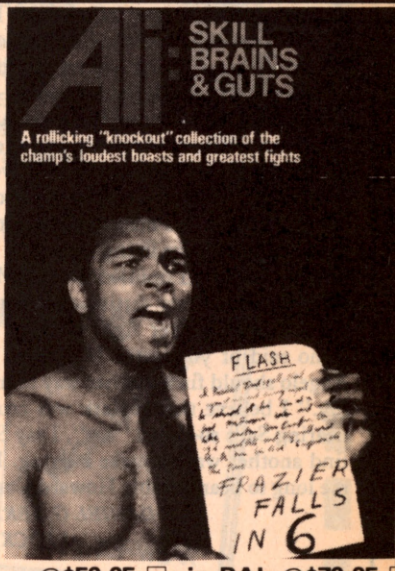

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A HEAVY SUPPOSITION

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO pay homage to a fine fighter who never received his just due: ex-heavyweight contender, Leroy Jones. Sure Jones was overweight, but he was also very effective. His one-sided decision over Mike Weaver is proof of this. Furthermore, Leroy defeated the devastating Larry Frazier twice. Leroy's only loss was in a title bout with Larry Holmes. Should Jones return to the ring, I don't doubt that he would become champion.

JAMAAL ABDUL-GUARDALLAH, SACRAMENTO, CA 95828

A PINCH OF SALT ON SUGAR'S PRIDE

I SALUTE RING MAGAZINE AND ITS fine articles, especially Bert Randolph Sugar's editorials and the "nostalgia" pieces. It's great that a young boxing fan like myself can learn about the legends of old.

The only thing better is Alexis Arguello. I loved the article on Arguello and the pictures of the Arguello-Busceme fight in your May, 1982 issue. It showed what a super champion and gentleman this man really is. I can't wait to see more on "the living legend."

And, finally an opinion on Sal Marciano's ESPN commentary during the Angelo Marchetti-Nicky Walker fight of May 27. Marciano said of youngster Marchetti, "I think Angelo should find another way to make a living." I believe that remark was crude. After hearing Sal's so-called "wit", I say Sal should find another way to make a living. He makes me long to hear humble Howard Cosell.

DANIEL G. FERNANDEZ, STOCKTON, CA.

CHALLENGING THE CHALLENGERS

IF DUE TO INJURY SUGAR RAY Leonard is unable to defend his title this year, then the welterweight title should be declared vacant and an elimination tournament held.

With Thomas Hearns injured (and now a middleweight contender) the top four challengers should be paired. How about Stafford vs. McCrory and Duran vs. Cuevas, with the winners meeting for the title?

PETER DAMIAN, SCOTTSDALE, AZ

DOES RING SEE RED ON COLOR BAR?

I'M WRITING TO LET YOU KNOW OF an omission I noticed in your May and June issues. In the Rings Around the World section you completely ignored the results from South Africa. In that boxing-crazed country I know that they were not inactive for two whole months (Coetzee-LeDoux, at the very least, was fought there). I sincerely hope that this was not intentional, and that you are not giving in to outside pressure by dropping results from that region. Like their politics or not, people do box in South Africa, and as boxing's finest and fairest magazine its your duty to cover this action.

Also, with regard to your June Ringside Reports, I was personally insulted by the way your Moore-Weir report ended. The short note about the canvas being black was absurd and had nothing to do with boxing. Since when should your readers be subjected to such asinine political garbage? For your own enlightenment, Davey Moore is also black and, while integrated fights in South Africa may have been rare ten years ago, they're commonplace today.

In closing, I'd like to dare you to do a feature article on South Africa's best fighter: Gerrie Coetzee, a man who has defeated some of the top contenders (Spinks, Chaplin, Koranlicki, etc). Prove to your readers once again that you are a magazine for everyone and won't be swayed by special interests.

PAUL J. O'BRIEN, LOMITA, CA

NETWORKS NOT WIRED TO BOXING

WHY CAN'T WE GET MORE BOXING on non-pay television? There must be as much popular demand for fights as there is for soccer, tennis, cow-back riding, etc. I sympathize with the greedy giants wanting to wring out every buck possible from the really big fights, but those of us who can't afford the extra burden of cable enjoy fights too. I fought in the 1950's, and at the time enjoyed the old Gillette Cavalcade fights. Any hope for revival of something like that?

WALT TAYLOR, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107

PRYOR: HURRICANE OR HOT AIR?

I JUST READ YOUR ARTICLE ON AARON Pryor and found it to be very accurate. I agree that Pryor is good, but since he has not fought the high calibre boxers (Leonard, Hearns and Duran) we cannot call him "great." Pryor is making a mistake in waiting to fight for the big money. As the champions move up in weight Pryor will be left in the wake of their dollar signs. Thus, Pryor will miss out on material reward as well as his opportunity for greatness. I think Pryor would prove himself "great" but now it seems his management will deny him that chance.

RALPH LOPEZ, NOVI, MI

LaMOTTA'S RANKING IS BULL

EVERY MONTH I BUY AN ISSUE OF your great magazine, and I'd like to know why you rarely have anything to say about Jake LaMotta? Jake is one of the greatest middleweights who ever lived, even if he wasn't a "fancy dan" like Sugar Ray Robinson. He is the man Rocky Marciano called the greatest fighter he'd ever seen.

I was stunned to see Jake ranked number seven in you greatest middleweight poll. Marcel Cerdan was ranked fourth and Jake stopped him in the ninth round of their championship bout! (Also, Marvin Hagler shouldn't have been ranked tenth-especially when Rocky Graziano was all the way down at seventeen.)

All I ask is that you print more on Jake LaMotta. Few people remember he's the first man to beat the untouchable Sugar Ray Robinson.

ROBERTO LATIZIO, NEW YORK, NY

POURING TAR ON THE KING OF THE FEATHERS

I ENTITLE THIS LETTER "NO-GO MEZ." In 1978, I believe, junior featherweight Mike Ayala lost a close fight to Danny "Little Red" Lopez via a 15 round TKO. The acknowledged king of that classification was Wilfredo Gomez, who himself had dethroned Lopez. In the ensuing years Gomez has defended his title 12 to 14 times each time against unranked opponents. He has yet to unify his title with Sergio Palma, or give

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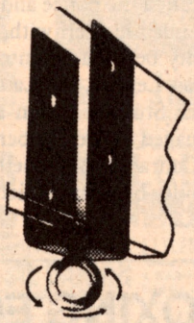

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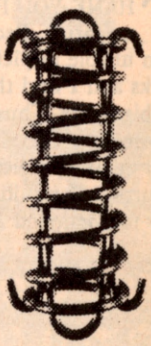

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Mike Ayala a shot at it. Meanwhile, Gomez went into the featherweight division and *was* granted a shot at Salvador Sanchez's title. He was KO'd in the eighth round. I think that until Wilfredo Gomez proves that he is the true champion of the junior featherweight division, Mike Ayala should be named its uncrowned king.

Also, I have a nomination for the "Foul of the Month" award. It occurred during a nationally televised bout between lightweights Robert Sawyer and Mark Harris held in New Jersey. In the fight Harris was downed by Sawyer in the second and ninth rounds. One judge gave only one other round to Sawyer and scored it 7-3 Harris. Was he joking? I agree with Ring's Randy Gardner, who scored it 7-3 Sawyer. I believe the New Jersey Boxing Commission should do a complete overhaul of their judging system and review the men they call "judges."

RANDY STARBUCK, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

RING BOASTS A LONG REACH

THANK YOU FOR PUBLISHING A FINE magazine. Because I live in a rural area, I am unable to pick up any of the cable networks and I find the local papers cover only the big fights. Thus, a good deal of my boxing information comes to me from the pages of your quality publication.

Further, I would like to take this opportunity to commend NBC for its recent "ringside" telecasts. Though some of the matches featured were less than dazzling, they provided a rare opportunity to see little-seen boxers in action. These fighters may not be as well known as Leonard or Holmes, but their many exciting bouts proved that the big names do not the best fights make. I only hope we see more of this type coverage in the future.

STEVE TREADWAY, BONIFAY, FL

A CALL FOR HELP

I SEND THIS LETTER TO THE ATTENtion of the following: Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran, Wilfredo Benitez and Thomas Hearns. I choose these men because I believe somehow they would understand.

Robert Hooks is a young, black man who came to Binghamton, New York to get an education. Like most black people he had had problems with money. Yet, Robert had never been in trouble with the law and had somehow managed to get himself into college.

Last year around December Robert was attacked by five white men. When the fight was over two of those white men were dead. Robert called the police and explained how he had defended himself with a knife. We at the University began a defense with the help of the Urban League, the Latin Student Union, the Black Student Union and other groups. We managed to get Robert the great black lawyer Conrad Lyn. Nonetheless, Robert was found guilty by a jury which just happened to be white.

I send you this letter in the hope that you can say a word for Robert. For more information you can call or write me.

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RING'S LIGHTWEIGHT FACTS SOMEWHAT LIGHTWEIGHT

A NUMBER OF JOE GANS' OVER-THEweight bouts were included in the Ring's February, 1982 listing of lightweight title bouts. (Remember the lightweight limit at that time was 133 and remained there until Willie Ritchie raised it to 135 after winning the title from Ad Wolgast in 1912).

138 pounds was the weight the fighters made for Gans' bouts with Charley Seiger (November 14, 1902) and Gus Gardner (March 28, 1904). Rufe Turner came in at 135½ pounds for his (July 24, 1902) bout with Gans, who weighed 135 himself. Moreover, Willie Fitzgerald and Gans weighed 135 for their second bout (January 12, 1904), scheduled for only ten rounds. And Gans' bout with Kid McPartland (October, 13, 1902) was scheduled for 20 rounds, but both fighters weighed in at 135 pounds.

Left out was at least one legitimate title defense by Gans, his 8-round KO of Kid Herman in Tonapah, Nevada on New Year's Day, 1907. Both fighters weighed in at 133 pounds and the fight was scheduled for 45 rounds, definitely a championship distance.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q An answer to a question in your May issue said the first North American title fight was the Leotis Martin-Sonny Liston heavyweight bout in December, 1969. Well, in 1963, I claimed the North American junior lightweight crown, and Johnny Bizzarro, who later fought Carlos Ortiz for the world title, beat me for it in 15 rounds in New Bedford, Mass. Please print this, and set the record straight.

—PADDY READ

A *My answer was in reference to the North American* Boxing Federation, *and the first NABF title fight* was *Martin vs. Liston. There were, of course, earlier "North American" titles. Henry (Pappy) Gault outscored Fernando Gagnon for the vacant N.A. bantamweight crown in Quebec City on October 27, 1952, and subsequently lost that title to Billy Peacock in Brooklyn on August 17, 1953. Peacock lost it to Nate Brooks, also in Brooklyn, on February 8, 1954, and Brooks in turn lost it to Raton (Raul) Macias in Mexico City on September 26, 1954. The title was abandoned when Macias won the National Boxing Association's world bantamweight crown in 1955.*

Q May I have the heights of the following boxers: Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, Sergio Palma, Tadashi Mihara, Mike Rossman?

—HERMAN KREUGER

A *Limon—5'5½", Palma—5'4¼", Mihara—5'10½", Rossman—6'*

Q Has the grandson of a former world champ ever won a world crown?

—HARRY GREENE

A *Not unless you go back to the bare knuckle days, when Jem Belcher, grandson of Jack Slack, won the championship by beating Jack Bartholomew.*

Q Where was the old Fairmont A.C.?

—AL HESS

A *Up in the Bronx.*

Q You've stated that Joe Chip was the only man to knock out Harry Greb (excepting the time Al retired with a broken arm against Kid Graves). May I have Joe Chip's record?

—JIMMY MIRRER

A *I'm sorry, but I don't have Joe's record. (Can anybody out there be of help?)*

Q Who has the most kayoes among active fighters?

—STEVEN MEUSEL

A *Ruben Olivares had one fight late in 1981, so his 77 knockouts leads the list, if you consider him still active. Sean O'Grady had 65 kayo wins at the end of '81, and Australia's Tony Mundine had 63.*

Q *The Ring Record Book* says Fulgencio Obelmejias of Venezuela is the FECARBOX (Central American & Caribbean Boxing Federation) middleweight champ. I thought Venezuela was in *South* America.

—JOE GOLDBERG

A *Venezuela is in South America, but it borders on the Caribbean, and wound up as a member of FECARBOX instead of FESUBOX (South American Boxing Federation).*

Q Who was the last Canadian-born world champion?

—GEORGE PETERS

A *Jackie Callura, who won and lost the NBA featherweight crown in 1943.*

Q What bouts culminated in the crowning of Hogan (Kid) Bassey as world featherweight king after Sandy Saddler retired?

—JACK GRAHAM

A *Puerto Rico's Miguel Berrios started the ball rolling by outpointing Brooklyn's Carmelo Costa over 12 at Madison Square Garden on March 22, 1957. British Empire featherweight champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey then beat Berrios in 12 at Washington's Capital Arena on April 26, 1957 for the right to meet European champion Cherif Hamia for the world crown. The Bassey-Hamia bout was held at the Palais des Sports in Paris on June 24, 1957, and Hogan won the vacant title by stopping Cherif in round 10.*

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

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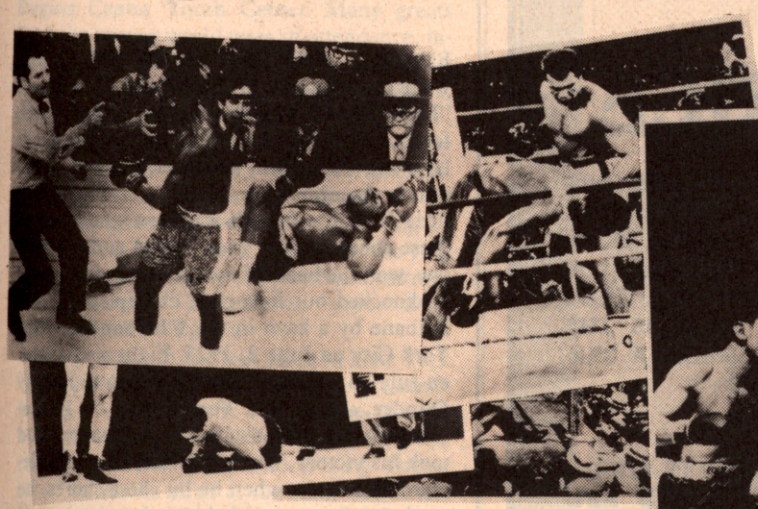

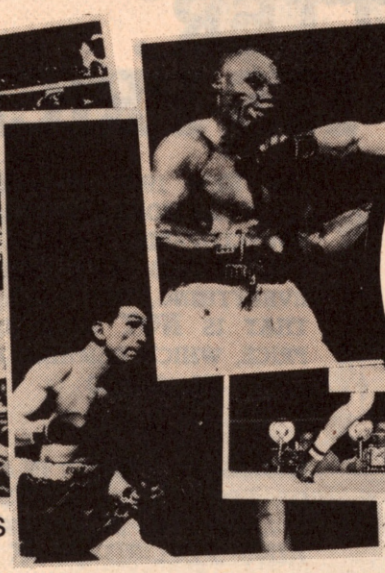

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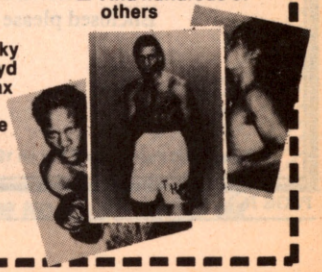

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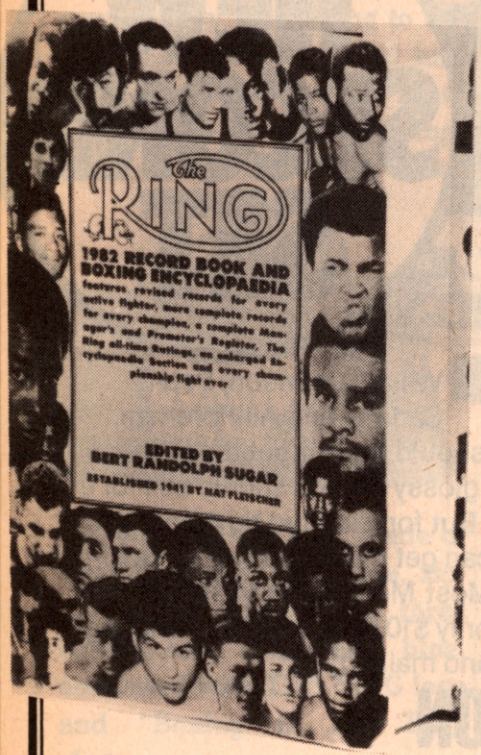

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The newly-chartered Ring 88 Northeast Philadelphia VBC held an election of officers at a recent meeting. Those elected were Ralph Lake, President; Pat Celli, 1st. Vice President; Tommy Mealy, 2nd. Vice President; Charley Nevins, Secretary: Sam Kovnat, treasurer; Ed Brookstein and Ben MacIntyre, Sgt-at-Arms; Ben Kerr, Public relations; Tony DeMarco, membership chairman; Paul Lander Sr., Goodwill Ambassador; and Bernie Manhoff, advisor . . . Belated news from Billy Mahoney on the West Coast tells of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors which issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 13th 1982 as Young Corbett III Day. A film of the 1933 match in which Corbett won the world welterweight championship from Jackie Fields was shown. Boxing analyst and historian Billy Mohoney spoke . . . Billy was also one of the boxers honored. Others were: Wayne Thornton, Gabe Terronez, Johnny Benedetti, Jack Powell, Duke Garabedian, Eddie Sargota, Al Manfredo, Connie Klein, Rudy Cruz, Ed Orman and Joe Herman . . . On May 14, 1982 the "3rd Annual Petey Hayes Memorial Boxing show" was held at the Regina Center,

in Brooklyn, N.Y. Ten Action-packed amateur AA bouts were staged in front of a packed house, with all proceeds going to the Regina Center Youth Center. Many greats from the boxing world were in attendance, including: Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Carmen Basilio, Sandy Saddler, Lou Salica, Coley Wallace, Tony Pellone, Steve Riggio, Joe Mulli, Sammy Markowitz, Little Petey Hayes, Johnny Saxton, Vito Antuofermo, Teddy Martin, Pat Marcune, Jimmy Evans and many other veteran boxers from Ring 21 of Brooklyn, N.Y. Larry Young was the ring announcer and Johnny (Hayes) Mancuso was the promoter. The referees were: Dick McGuire and Ed Eposti . . .

The Downtown Athletic Club in New York City recently honored outgoing president John J. Farrell Jr., who served from March, 1979 through May, 1982. Farrell, who was chairman of the "Salute to Boxing Greats Nite" an annual affair at the club, helped the club thrive under his regime . . . Al Citrino, former great lightweight contender of the thirties, who hails from San Francisco, recently retired from his newspaper periodical drivers' job. Al, who fought Henry Armstrong and Fidel LaBarba, among others, is 70 years of age and looks like he can still go ten rounds. "Good Luck Al Citrino" . . .

John J. Wilkinson, of Hartford, Conn., is the President of the Boxing team at Central Connecticut State College in New Britain. The coach of the team is Billy Taylor, former amateur welter champion of Connecticut, who also boxed pro while in Sammy Mandell's stable in 1927. Taylor was also a referee and officiated at the John Henry Lewis-Al Gainer title bout in New Haven on Oct. 28, 1938. Today Billy is 74 years old and does full-length-body-stretched-out fingertip-push-ups daily to stay in shape. Wilkinson would like for the people of New England to get involved in his boxing program. Please contact him at: John J. Wilkinson Pres., Boxing Club Central Conn. State College, New Britain, Conn. 06050 . . . The International Veteran Boxers Ring 76 of Syracuse, N.Y. will host the annual IVBA Convention to be held on September 24, 25, and 26 of 1982 at the fabulously beautiful Friar Tuck Inn, a resort located near Catskill, N.Y. . . Danny Cremans, formers mitt-slinger from Boston who fought as Irish Danny Leahy and held the heavyweight title in China and India from 1942 to 1946, is presently a member of Ring 4, Boston, Mass.

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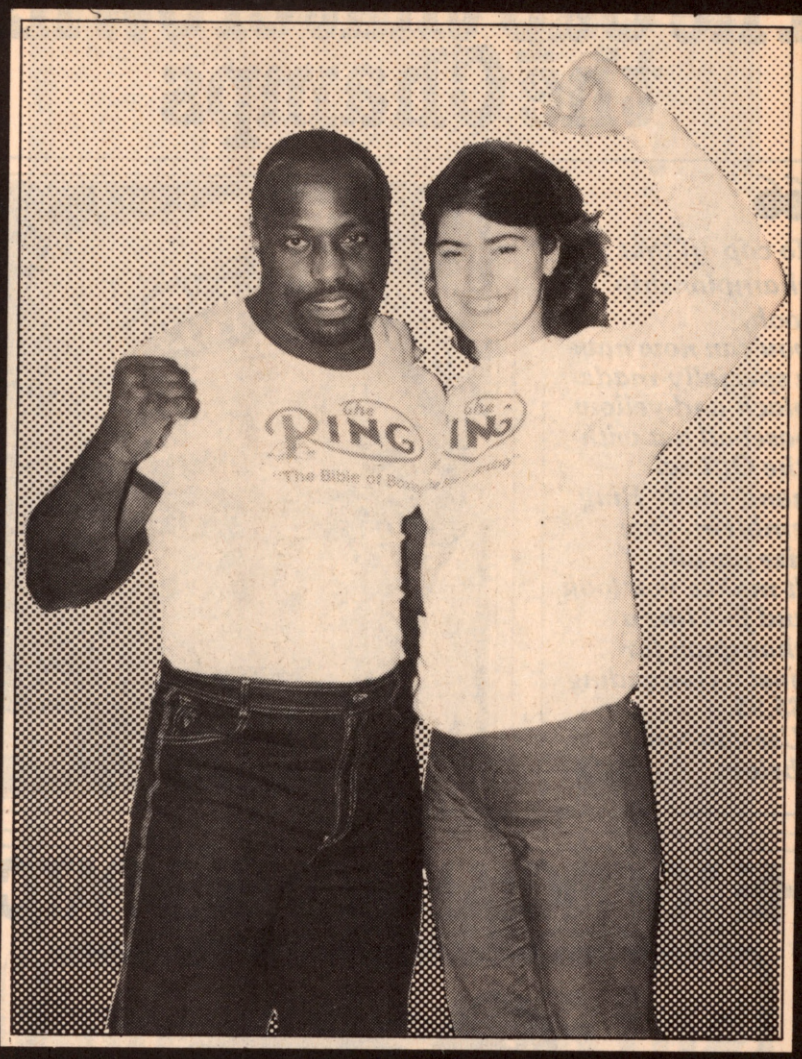

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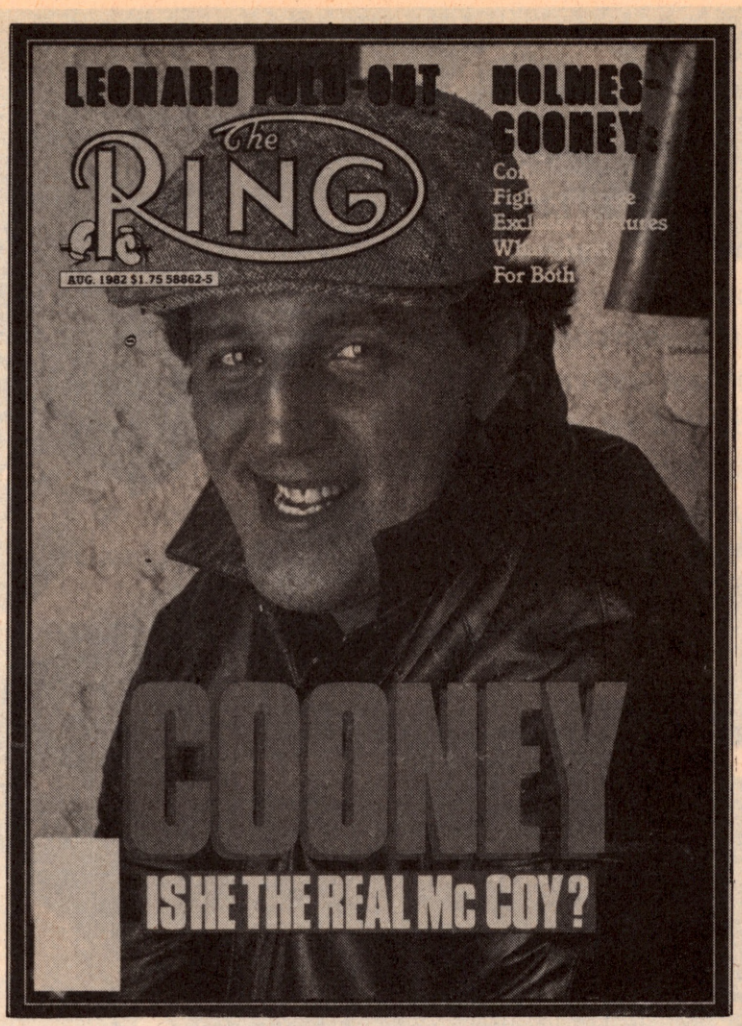

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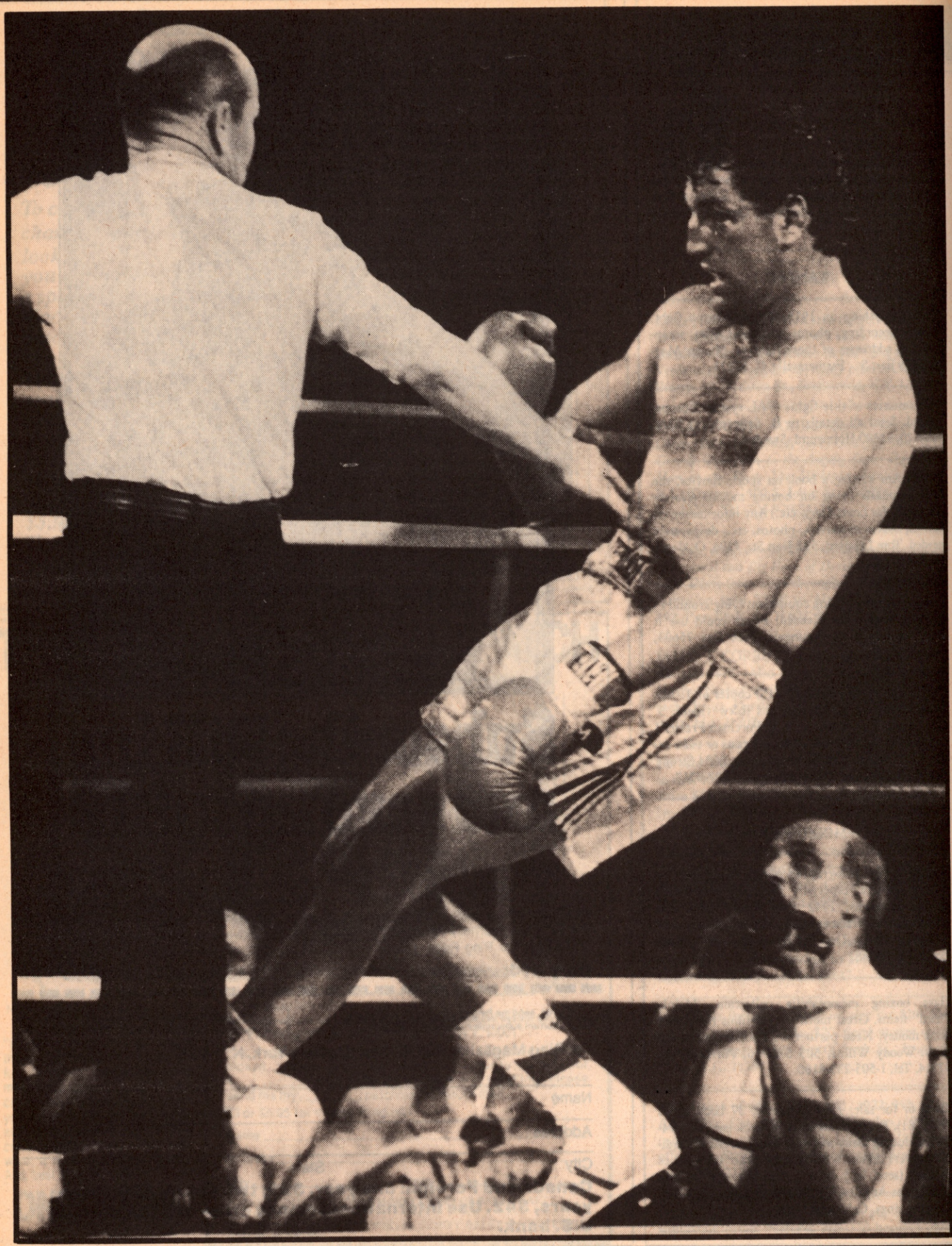

IN THE FREELANCE world of boxing, where its matchmakers are able to structure their offerings, providing comedy, melodrama, and even a morality play within the confines of the four ring posts, Irish boxers have always been amongst the most popular. When Peter Maher fought Tom Sharkey at the old Lenox Club in New York back in 1897, one old fellow, a townsman of Maher back in Galway, sat in the balcony overlooking the ring, waving an Irish flag and telling the world what Maher would do to Sharkey. He not only offered to bet all kinds of money that Maher would "knock Sharkey kicking" with a single punch but also recalled working with him at the Guinness brewery. When the men had taken their places in their respective corners, the ring announcer began the obligatory amenities with "In this corner we have Peter Maher of Galway, Ireland . . ." The old Irishman in the balcony could be seen cheering madly, waving his banner bearing the proud harp of his homeland. "And," continued the announcer, "in this corner, Tom Sharkey of Dundalk, Ireland . . ."

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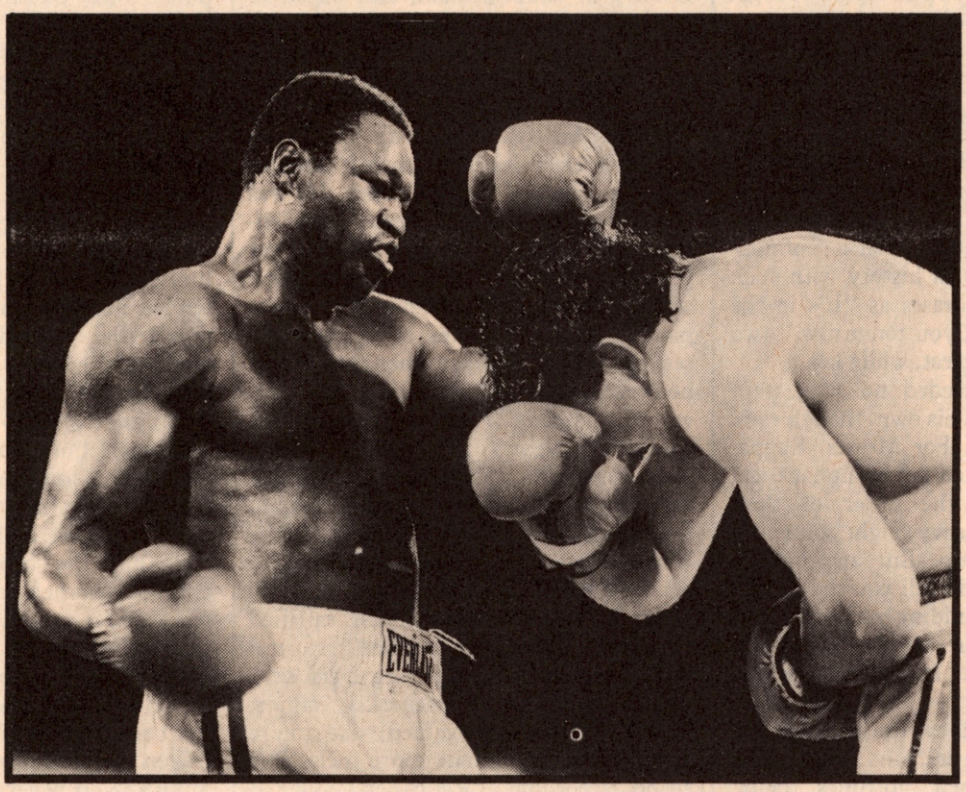

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THE HOLMES-COONEY FIGHT

THE OLD IRISHMAN SAT IN HIS SEAT, stone quiet. Finally, he turned to his neighbor and said, "Sharkey comes from Ireland, too, does he? Well, if that's the case, I don't give a damn who wins."

As boxing grew up, it supposedly grew more sophisticated. Or at least that was the thinking. But the fans still root for their favorites, whether the locale is the old sod or the old block. And there are no more rabid, nor prouder fans than the Irish. To them Gerry Cooney was the real goods, a good-looking man whose constant adoption of a caipin—the Gallic word for cap, pronounced ca-peen—made him a look alike for John Wayne in "The Quiet Man." And Gerry Cooney appealed to that large body of Irishmen who had once had almost exclusive domination of boxing's "turf", dating all the way back to John L. Sullivan and Company. Forget that claptrap about "black-white" confrontation. This one ran deeper, even though Cooney's estimable co-manager, Dennis Rappaport, did his best to keep the pot churning by affirmatively denying the existence of such by chanting Ali-like slogans which sounded something like "Cooney's not the white man, he's the right man!" Wonderful. That sort of nonsense will go down in history with such sincere, heartfelt phrases as "It's in the mail" and "I'll call you tomorrow," two of America's three great, white lies.

Gerry Cooney needed no such trappings; he came with his own, though even they were suspect. For Messrs. Rappaport and Jones—listed not in alphabetical order, merely in the order of their egos—had built a heavyweight contender from the ground up. But any builder worth his mortar will tell you that in the construction of a building you must start with the substructure before you can add the superstructure. It's a rule which should be just as true in boxing as in building. But somehow the message got lost on his co-managers, who should have known better, their fortunes being grounded in real estate and building. They were too busy adding dead weight to their valuable property instead of the live load necessary to make him structurally sound.

Throughout the formative years of his career, when Cooney should have been sharpening his skills on progressively tougher opponents, they were feeding him the likes of Terry Lee Kidd and Joe Maye, two heavies who were ranked in today's "10 Worst Heavyweights" by THE RING. It fattened up his knockout record, but did little else for him. Then they fed him a steady diet of pablum to sharpen up his eyeteeth, giving him such tracehorses as Malik Dozier, Charlie Polite and Grady Daniels. No wonder he soon developed a ferocious appetite for second-raters and a reputation for invincibility. Now on the threshold of potential greatness his managers began to coddle their charge and hand-pick members of the over-the-hill mob as opponents. Gingerly. Wendell Bailey and Earnie Shavers were offered and never came off; Ron Lyle and Ken Norton were and did. For their efforts they built and bought Cooney a reputation: He was "Gentleman" Gerry Cooney, the proud possessor of 21 KO's in 25 wins, the leading contender—available or otherwise.

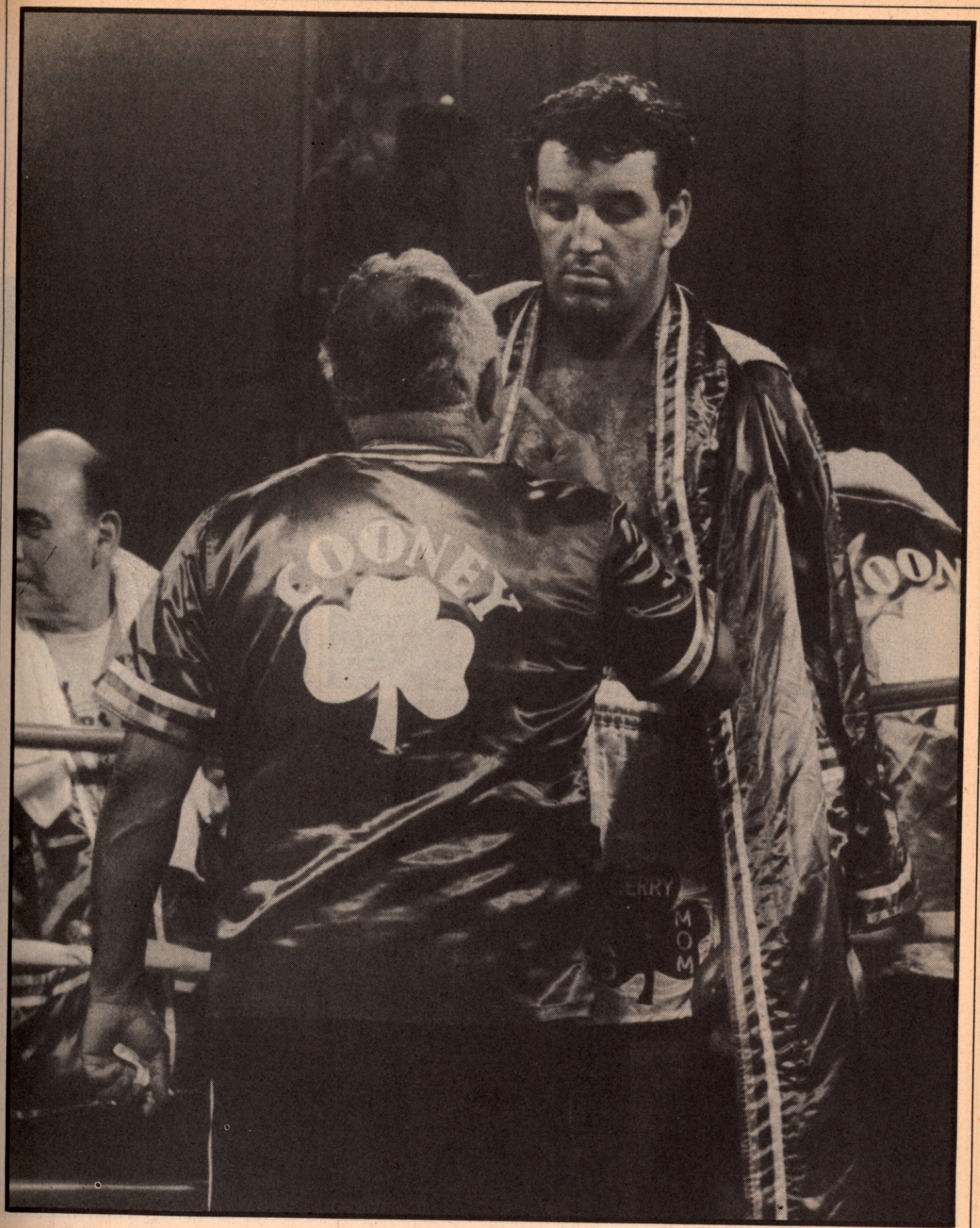
The New York press, always a handmaiden to the creation of legends, took Cooney in editorial hand and began to fashion a special nimbus around his head. Never quite saying so, they presented him to their reading audiences as the "Great White Hope," a bomber who had taken out his opponents with his powerful left hook in less time than it takes to say "Gentleman" Gerry Cooney. He was good looking, well-mannered and all-winning. Also, not incidentally, he was good reading and saleable. Publication after publication fell all over themselves pandering to the tastes of upper scale readers, whose numbers when totaled like body count figures, translate into advertising dollars. And, if he was good enough for New York, assuredly he was good enough for the hinterland, so accustomed was the latter following the lead of the so-called "Media Capital of the World" that it also fell all over itself to second the vote for Cooney.

But his managers were not satisfied with mere hype; they became historical revisionists as well, changing facts written in gravenstone. Magically, almost overnight, Cooney gained one more knockout and grew one more inch. The gospel, according to Rappaport, now had his record as 22 knockouts in 25 fights—ignoring the well-documented and highly-visible fact that S.T. Gordon had been disqualified in the 4th round for "Not trying"—and his height as 6′7″ instead of a mere 6′6″. It's a wonder Rappaport's nose didn't grow in the same proportions. (When asked how much Cooney got for his contract with Norelco, he was reputed to have answered, "Six figures," the six figures being $8,500.01, the literal truth, but hardly the truth as we would know it. But, then again, that never stopped Rappaport, so, the reasoning went, why believe him now when he's telling us about Cooney?)

Despite the fact that Larry Holmes was the champion, had won all 39 fights—29 by KO—defended his championship a total of 11 times and fought more rounds in championship bouts than Cooney had in his entire career, he was still not the darling of the media. That was reserved for Cooney. Cooney was fresh, he was saleable and he was a banger. Also, he was an unknown quantity, and nothing appeals to the press more than trying to unravel something that comes close to the riddle of the sphinx. And Cooney was, to use a phrase Winston Churchill first employed, "a riddle wrapped inside an enigma." Maybe that's why so many of them bought Rappaport's sleight-of-hand answer when his man's ability to take a punch was questioned: "Maybe we'll never find out."

Those who did look behind the press release curtain might have seen that the challenger conceivably could have no clothes. After all, here was a media creation who had gone to the post 25 times and fought never-hases, never-wases and has-beens; who had fought just 54 seconds in 13 months and six rounds in just 30; who had never really been extended nor hit; who had never fought a mobile fighter; and who had, at least to any but the most casual observer, only one hand. Was it possible the press was beginning to believe itself? Not only believe itself, but ignore the real story? The real story being Larry Holmes and why he was such a no-story. Here was a man who had done everything asked of him and, like the bear which continually climbed another mountain, asked to repeat his act again and again. Was it because he stood too close to the shadow of Muhammad Ali, if not totally in it? It was an oft-repeated story. James J. Corbett has been "that man,' the dude who had beaten the greatest of all legends, John L. Sullivan and never really taken his place in the public's mind. Gene Tunney and Ezzard Charles had also suffered, both destroying legends, or parts thereof, and never accepted as the equals of popular heroes like Dempsey and Louis. Now it is Larry Holmes who wants a little bit of that shadow for himself, a little immortality. And yet all that was given him was the back of the hand, a perfunctory "Well, he's a GOOD champion, but . . ."

Unable to cope with it, Holmes had first attempted to assume the persona of Ali, then of his mentor, Don King. But that didn't work. The words spewing out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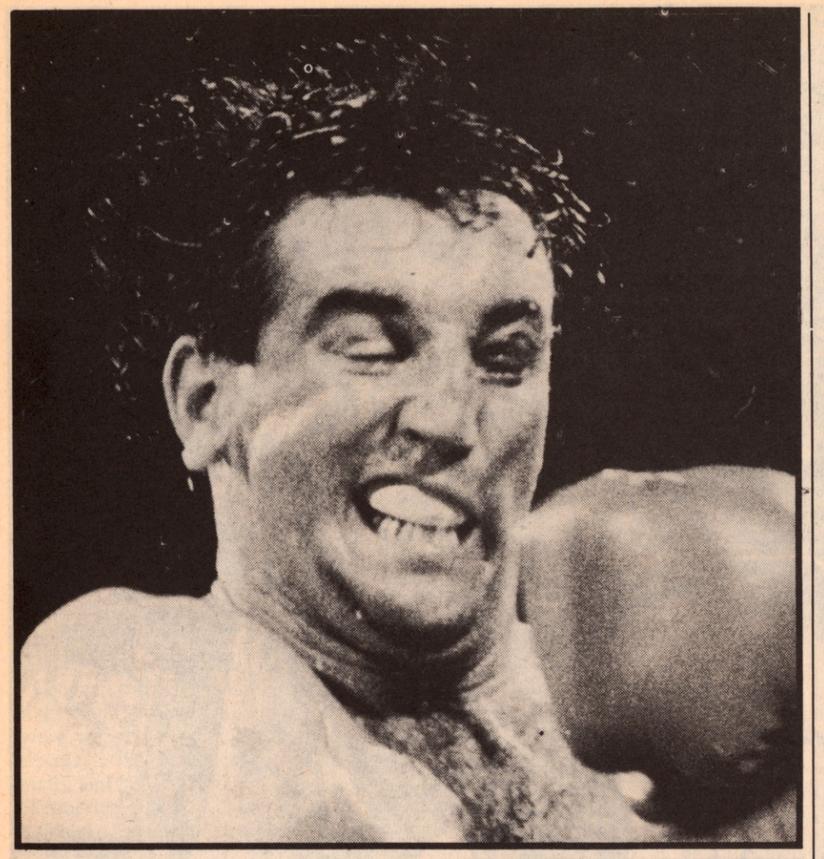
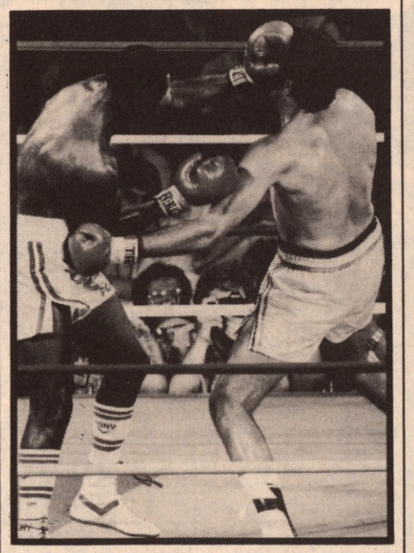


of the mouth of Ali somehow came out different than they did out of the mouth of Holmes, his comment about Cooney "hiding behind his mother's skirt" misconstrued, his labeling of Cooney as "The great white hoax for great white dopes" no more sinister than Ali's calling Quarry—even Foreman—"Great White Hopes." But somehow it didn't come off the same way. Ali was Ali and Holmes was not. Now Holmes was hurt, and he couldn't understand why. Granted he lacked the charisma of an Ali, why was he so ignored that TIME Magazine in its pre-fight issue, ran a cover of Cooney and, can you picture this, Sylvester Stallone? What did he do to deserve this (non-) treatment? Beat Ali, that's what. You cannot profit by beating a prophet, and Holmes was viewed by most as merely another bit player in a megabuck drama that centered around the presence of Gerry Cooney. It was enough to make a grown man cry; but Holmes, like Abe Lincoln's famous story about the man who had been run out of town was too hurt to laugh and too grown up to cry.



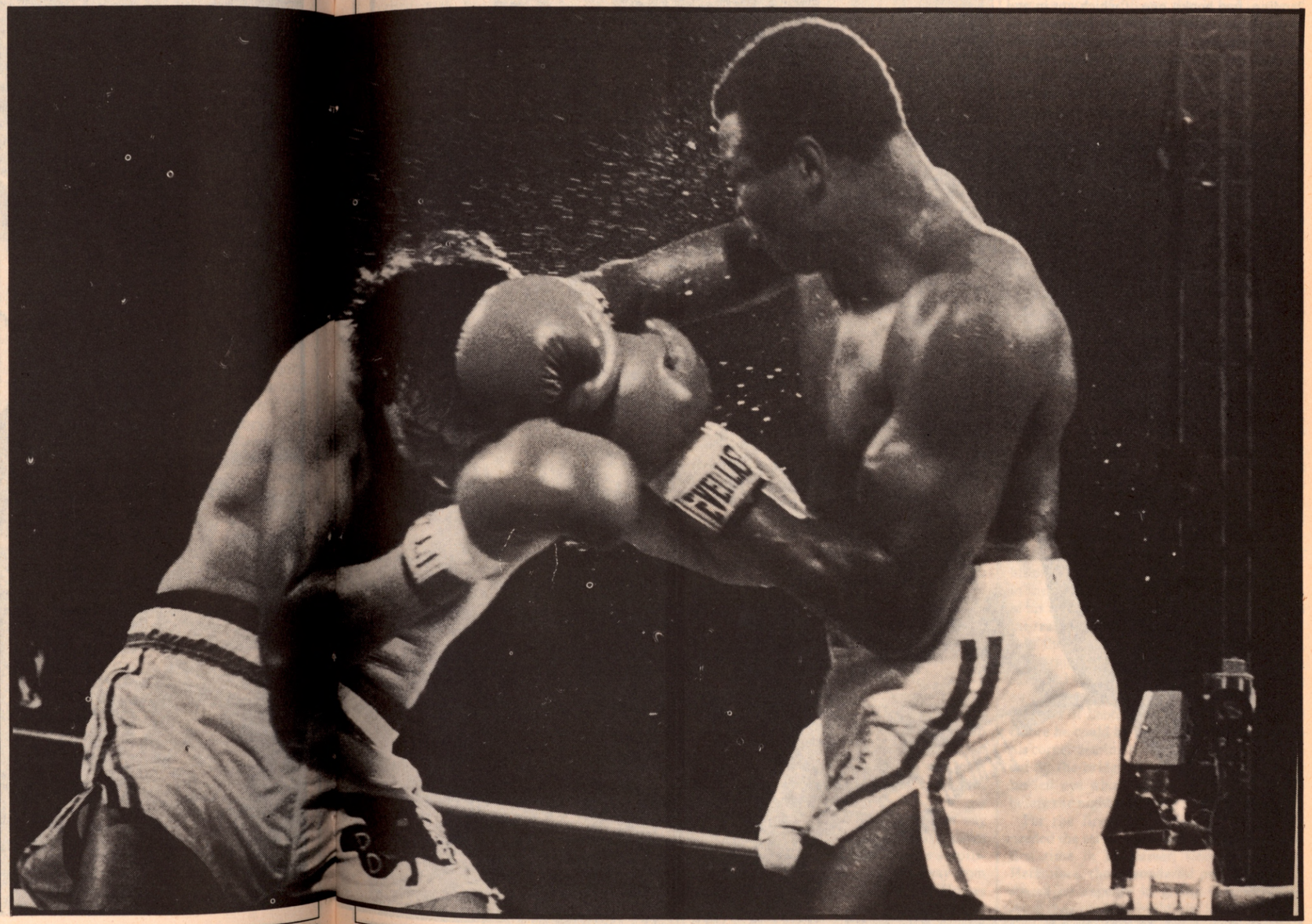
What he had to do—the only thing he could do, in fact—was take out his frustration in the only place still allowed him: THE RING.

GERRY COONEY WAS FIRST INTO THE ring on this, his night of nights. His face shielded by the hood of his green satin robe, he whirled around the ring punching at imagined shadows, just missing by inches the omnipresent ABC mobile cameras trying to intrude on his last seconds of privacy.

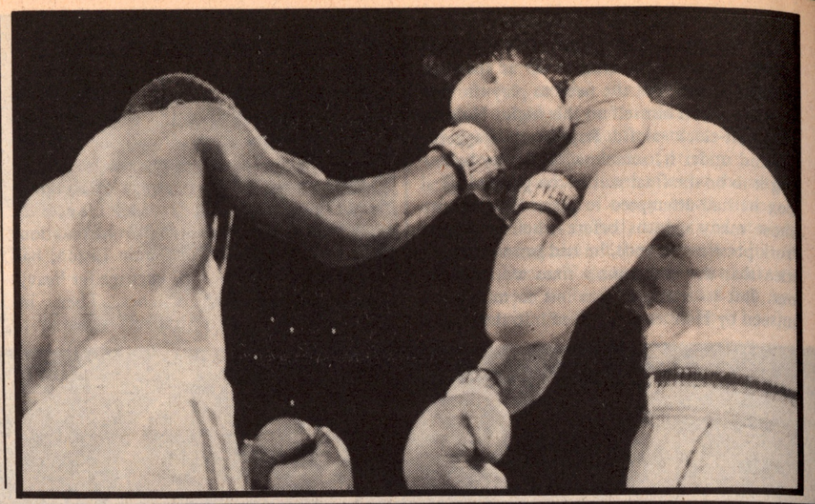
Retreating to his corner to await the arrival of the champion, Cooney stood strangely silent, his knees locked, and stared straight ahead, sparing himself the spectacle of his co-manager Dennis Rappaport, who had taken it upon himself to haul an oversized belt into the ring with the face of a clock on it bearing the legend "Tick, Tick." Rappaport, who on other occasions had imported leprechauns and gorillas into the ring to act as spearcarriers, obviously felt the need to play the part of the buffoon himself on this night. Holding the belt-clock aloft, Rappaport staggered around under it, somehow, someway believing it to be the final nail in the psychological box he had attempted to place Holmes into those many months before when at a New York press conference, he had introduced the idea that the champion's time was running out. But its meaning was lost to most—and unseen by Holmes as he raced into the ring at the tail-end of his red-clad entourage.

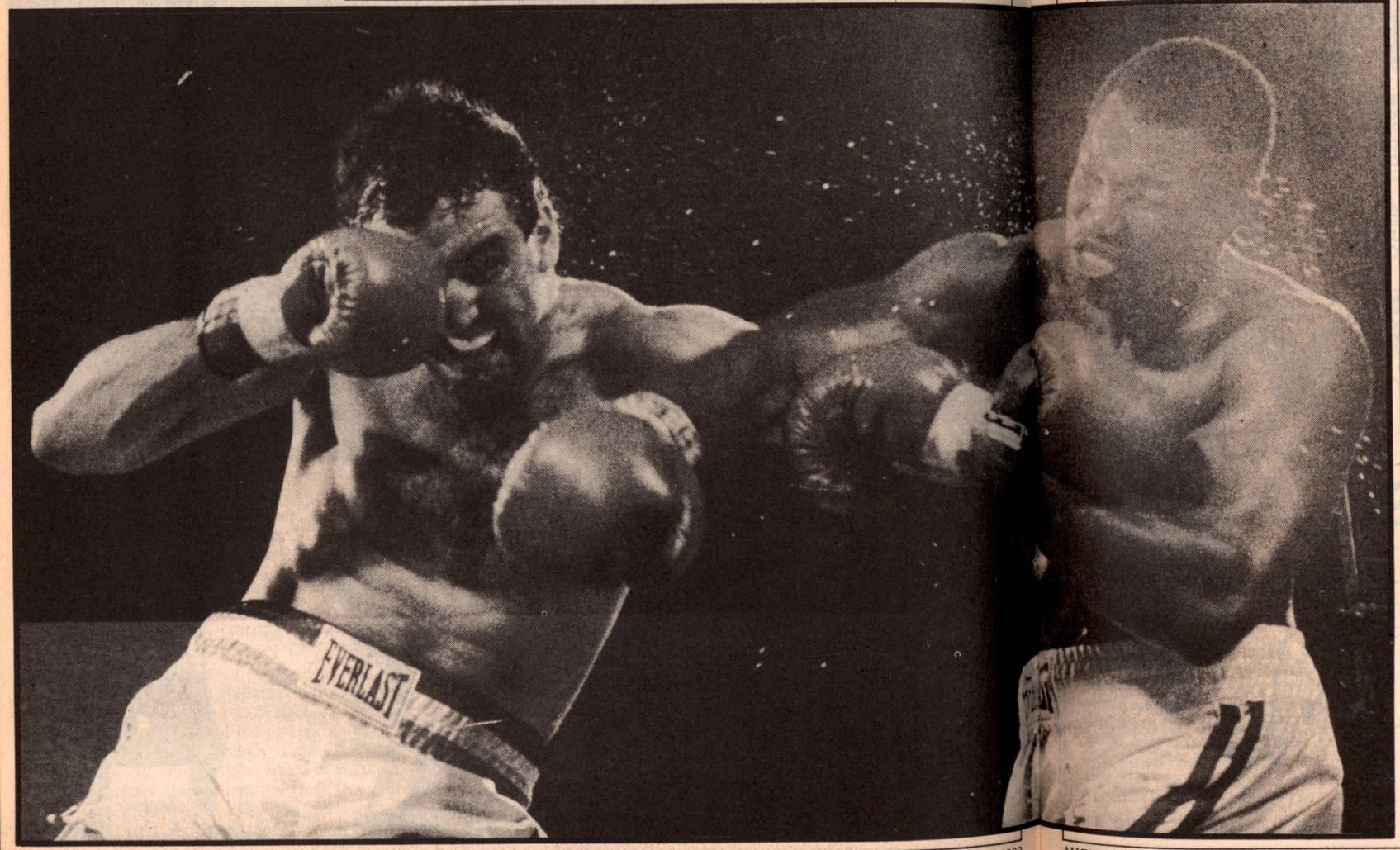
After the introductions—which started, strangely enough, with the champion and ended with the challenger—the two were called to the middle of the ring by referee Mills Lane for their final instructions. Cooney stared down, a stratagem he had devised to assess the four corners of Holmes's body, while Holmes tried to catch his eyes for one of those eyeball-to-eyeball confrontations which, since the days of Sonny Liston, had become part of the normal baggage for heavyweight championship matches. Then, instructions over, both fighters retreated to their respective corners for last-minute advice and a friendly rub from their trainers, Cooney by his confidant and father figure, Victor Valle, Holmes by the two grand old men of the ring, Eddie Futch and Ray Arcel. All the hype had now come to an end; it was time for the men to prove their worth within the confines of the four ringposts.

At the bell, Holmes came straight out of his corner to meet the advancing Cooney and quickly delivered his meat-and-potatoes punch, the left jab. It was followed by yet another, then four more that missed and a left hook. The champion was "Taking Care of



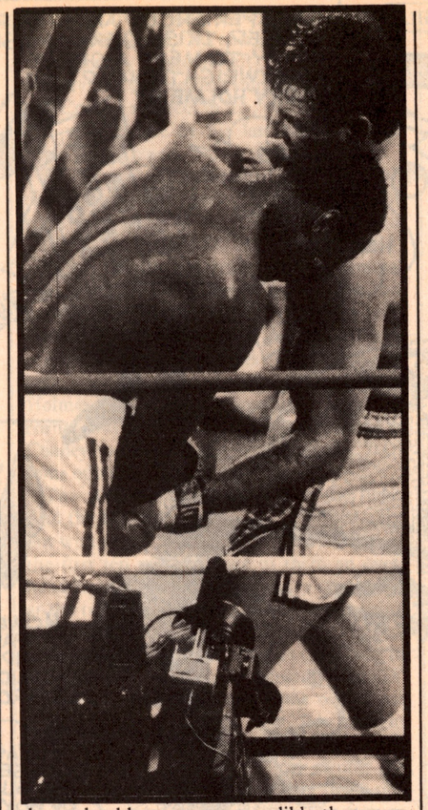
Business" in his usual businesslike manner, putting to rest those rumors that he would, as he had said, "Set boxing back 100 years by knocking out Cooney with the first punch." or doing something else just as foolish, thereby exposing himself to one of Cooney's formidable hooks to the body. Another left by Holmes missed and finally, Cooney, who had spent the first twenty seconds or so of the fight sizing up his opponent, threw his first punch—predictably, a left hook to the body. Throughout the rest of the first round it was battle of one-armed men as Holmes threw a total of 34 jabs in the direction of Cooney, 23 landing, two hooks, one of which got in and three rights, all of which landed. Cooney, on the other glove, threw 21 jabs, 14 of which landed, four hooks, two of which reached Holmes and missed all three rights. For his efforts in outpunching Cooney 27-16, Holmes lost the first round on two of the three judges' scorecards.





Cooney had now spent almost as much time in the ring as he had in the last 19 months and still hadn't connected with the best kept secret since Ingemar Johansson's "Thunder and Lightning," his right hand. Still, Eddie Futch felt it necessary to warn Larry in his corner between rounds to be on the look out for the right since it would figure that a smart trainer like Victor Valle would try to get Cooney to use it as a surprise weapon.

However, it was not a Cooney right which was to surprise Holmes, but rather a Holmes right over Cooney's lowered left which surprised—and dropped—Cooney; a perfect right counter over a Cooney left to the body. Cooney showed the balance of a southpaw-turned-righthanded, his right leg shooting out and his left remaining anchored as first he foundered then fell to his knees in Holmes' corner. The sound of ring rust falling off his



huge shoulders was more audible than even the combined roar of the 32,000+ in the erector set stadium Caesars parking lot. Sitting on his haunches with a silly grin on his face, Cooney could only remember saying to himself, "I can't believe I'm down . . ." Up on his feet at the count of four, Cooney fought to regain his feet, his equilibrium and his control of a situation fast getting away from him, giving as good as he got for the remaining seconds of the round.

Returning to his corner, Cooney was to receive tender loving care from Valle plus an exhortation to win one for the Gipper from Dennis Rappaport, who hollered at his somewhat bemused fighter, "Win this one for your dead father."

Whether it was the exhortation or Larry Holmes' total dependence on his right hand—finding it difficult to reach the taller Cooney, especially since he held his hands up so high— Cooney got back in the fight again in the third, beating Holmes, who was loading up his right, to the punch time and again, both to the body and the head.

The fourth round went much the same way as the third, Holmes trying to push down Cooney's left and Cooney showing a surprisingly good left jab to take the play away from Larry. Eddie Futch could only tell Homes between rounds that he had "let Cooney take the lead away" from him and "let him get back in the fight." Meanwhile, in the other corner, Rappaport was now pleading with Cooney to "remember the little kid with leukemia . . . he promised he'd lick it if you licked Holmes." It was good enough to play in grade-B movies, even perhaps ascending to a line in a Marx Brothers' stateroom scene, but not good enough for between-round advice when the heavyweight championship is on the line.

But even if Rappaport's pap wasn't paying dividends, Valle's was, as Cooney began to put together combinations, his right hand becoming more of a factor that it had in any of his previous 25 fights. Still, his punches, though thrown in bunches, were only landing one at a time as Holmes blocked at least one out of every two. Even those that landed lacked leverage. And power. More than once his primary weapon, the left hook to the body, was muffled by Holmes who, when it landed to the body, merely held it with his right elbow, effectively taking away Cooney's ability to pull it back and reload it again.

Midway through the fifth Cooney received his first warning for a low blow from referee Mills Lane. It wasn't intentional, the kind that would be thrown in answer to Rappaport's mental meanderings the previous day about how Holmes' thumbing would be answered by back-alley brawl tactics. This one, the first of seven such warnings from Referee Lane, was followed by a sincere "I'm sorry" by Cooney. But the story wasn't the low blow, nor the apology; it was Larry Holmes' defense against Cooney's deadly body shots. For during training Holmes had devised a method, aided and abetted by a karate instructor, who had taught him how to hold his elbows so that they extended beyond the borders of his trunks. Cooney, who had been taught to throw his body punches in that small area exposed between the top of the trunk line and the bottom of the protecting elbow wasn't proficient enough to shorten the trajectory of his punches, a skill found only in the ring, not in the gyms. It was but one more indictment of his managers for not having exposed him to the real world of boxing.

In the sixth, Holmes tagged Cooney with five straight rights over the left held at half-mast and Cooney floundered around the ring on spaghetti-like legs, doing his best impersonation of Leon Errol. But the bell sounded before he could be leveled and he returned to his corner bearing the first marks of combat, a cut on the bridge of his nose and a cut over his left eye which would require 15 stitches before the night was over.

For the first time in his career, Cooney needed the services of a cut man. And, for the first time in his career, Cooney had one. Heretofore, those wonderful people who had spared no expense in giving Cooney everything they could to build him into a contend-

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er—incapable opponents, inadequate assistance beyond Valle and infrequent bouts—had scrimped and foregone the obvious. Now they had Curley in their corner to administer to Cooney in cases such as this. Only trouble was Curley was forced to attend to Cooney from outside the ring ropes, the two managers refusing to allow him inside while they continued to act, as one observer put it, "like Abbott and Costello." As Cooney asked, "Is it bleeding bad, Artie?", the sensitive Curley responded "It's under control, Gerry . . ." as he tenderly swabbed off the blood.

Holmes continued to probe Cooney's eye with his educated left and Cooney continued to pound Holmes' protective cup with his uneducated left throughout the next two rounds. Then, in round nine, the inevitable happened: Cooney coming in with his left, his head cupped by Holmes' left, who was, simultaneously trying to set up his right, stuck Holmes a mighty blow in the middle of the protective cup, driving it into his leg. Holmes doubled up much in the manner of a man about to become sick as a repentant Cooney backed off. Mills Lane, who had spent more time warning Cooney than in breaking up clinches, eschewed giving yet another warning and penalized Cooney two points for his flagrant foul. As Lane pivoted around the ring signaling "two" to each of the three judges, Dennis Rappaport came bounding up the stairs to inquire whether he had heard correctly, whether it was "two." Lane looked contemptuously at Rappaport and shouted, "Two points, two, two, two . . . Now get down and quit your belly aching . . ."

Lane now turned back to the matter at hand, the bent-over Larry Holmes and directed him to his corner for the time needed to recuperate from a low blow—up to five minutes by WBC rules—at the same time directing Cooney to a neutral corner to await Holmes' return. Gerry kept trying to get back to his corner to discuss strategy with Valle, who was now on the ring apron, shouting instructions. Holmes was led back to his corner where, arms atop the ropes and head atop his folded arms, he listened to Eddie Futch who told him during the two-and-a-half minute respite: "He's gonna come at you." That's all! But that's all that was needed as Cooney came out of the neutral corner like an enraged bull, throwing a left and right, both of which landed. Suddenly the bell put an end to Cooney's rally.

Holmes walked back to his corner, somewhat the worse for wear. Ironically, even though he had been there before, the 100+ temperature and altitude was beginning to wear down the champion more than the challenger. The challenger had spent much of the time conserving his energies, holding back, especially when he had Holmes in a corner, in an effort to pace himself. The champion, fighting on blistered feet—the result of new shoes sent him by one of his sponsors, Pony—had expended all of his energies dancing away from Cooney's volatile left. Now the effects were evident, as Holmes slumped on his stool and Cooney sat erect in his, awaiting the bell and what might be his last chance at the heavyweight corral.

As Holmes' rump slumped onto his stool, the venerable Ray Arcel tried to negotiate the steps leading up to the corner. Finding his way blocked by an ABC cameraman, Arcel—who had already had words with the cameraman about his crowding Arcel out of the corner—took a punch at the trespasser and hurried up the steps. There Arcel and Futch combined their 114-years experience—together with a little legerdemain—to revive Holmes for the 10th. Rappaport, in the other corner, was pulling out all stops, screaming at Cooney to "win for the American flag." Or some other drivel.

The 10th round was the best of the fight. And the beginning of the end. Holmes came out with three straight jabs and threw nine of the first ten punches, one of them an overhand right—a portent of things to come. But at the two minute mark Cooney began firing and rained punch after punch on the inexplicably bent over Holmes, who was crouching in the middle of the ring, supposedly Holmes' country. Suddenly Holmes came out of his crouch and answered with 14 straight punches, catching Cooney by surprise. By the end of the round Holmes had swung the momentum of the fight firmly over to his side and Cooney's one magic moment was over, as both fighters signaled the end of the round by tapping each other to express their mutual respect.

The 10th was Cooney's highwater mark. It was as if a man suffering a terminal case of tuberculosis had suddenly developed ruddy cheeks just before expiration. There was nothing more to give as his once-feared left now circumscribed a pawing motion, his body shots possessed little steam. Larry Holmes' controlled demolition of the superstructure named Cooney had taken its toll, now he was using Cooney's own dead weight to cause his downfall.

By the thirteenth it was inevitable. To all, that is, except the three men seated at ringside who still had Cooney in the contest. That is, if their seeing eye dogs could decipher their scorecards.

Now it was Holmes' right playing out the string, crashing into the reeling Cooney 11 straight times as Cooney fell in sections against the ropes. Referee Mills Lane looked at the once-undefeated challenger on his way to defeat, undecided whether to stop it or not. Then, seeing that Cooney's heart was even stronger than his body and that his eyes were clear, he made up his mind to start a count. But even before he had waved Holmes away his attention was caught by the presence of Cooney's trainer Victor Valle, who, during the onslaught had been hollering, "That's enough . . . That's enough . . ."—while Rappaport was contributing his two cents worth with "He's thumbing"—and now had ascended the stairs, towel in hand, to personally intervene on behalf of his semi-fallen warrior. Lane, knowing that "Victor Valle's relationship with Cooney was a close, personal one and that he was not a flesh peddler," stopped the proceedings forthwith. The fight was over at 2:52 of the 13th. But the aftermath was to be as interesting as the fight itself.

Fortunately for writers a fight does not end with the final bell or stoppage. It is the story of the people involved, the personal drama of the many people who enhance the rich texture of the canvas the fight has been painted upon.

So it was with the Holmes-Cooney fight, one of the richest canvases ever painted, with more personalities in walk-on roles than could be found in a Hollywood potboiler. Here could be found Eileen Cooney, the pleasant, strong-willed mother of the challenger, whose quiet inner strength infused her son and his siblings with strength of their own, and who, after the end of the fight, told her children not to cry, they had "nothing to be ashamed of . . . and should hold their heads high." Here could be found Gerry Cooney, who proved that he possessed the most important ingredient a true champion must have, heart, having found his in the second round—quicker than Bert Lahr found his in "The Wizard of Oz." Here could be found Victor Valle, the sensitive, feeling trainer of the fallen fighter, who sees Burgess Meredith and raises him one, possessing none of the cynicism and all of the sensitivity of a caring trainer. Here could be found Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones, two men who had had carefully navigated Gerry Cooney into the title shot but now felt that since they owned the ball they could play with it and became cornermen without portfolios. Here could be found Larry Holmes, the heavyweight champion of the world, who had once again triumphed and must now be given his just due for having met everything that has been put in front of him and come up a winner 40 straight times. Here could be found Eddie Futch and Ray Arcel, the two ancient mariners of the ring, who handled their corner and their job in their usual efficient, businesslike manner. And here could be found untold hundreds of ringwise writers who had sold both the challenger and the champion short, unable to see the intangibles which hid somewhere deep inside them. These components, more than the actual fight itself, made it an event to remember.

Maybe the bottom line belonged to sportscaster Larry Merchant when he said, "The problem is that the champion is no hero and the hero is no champion." ■

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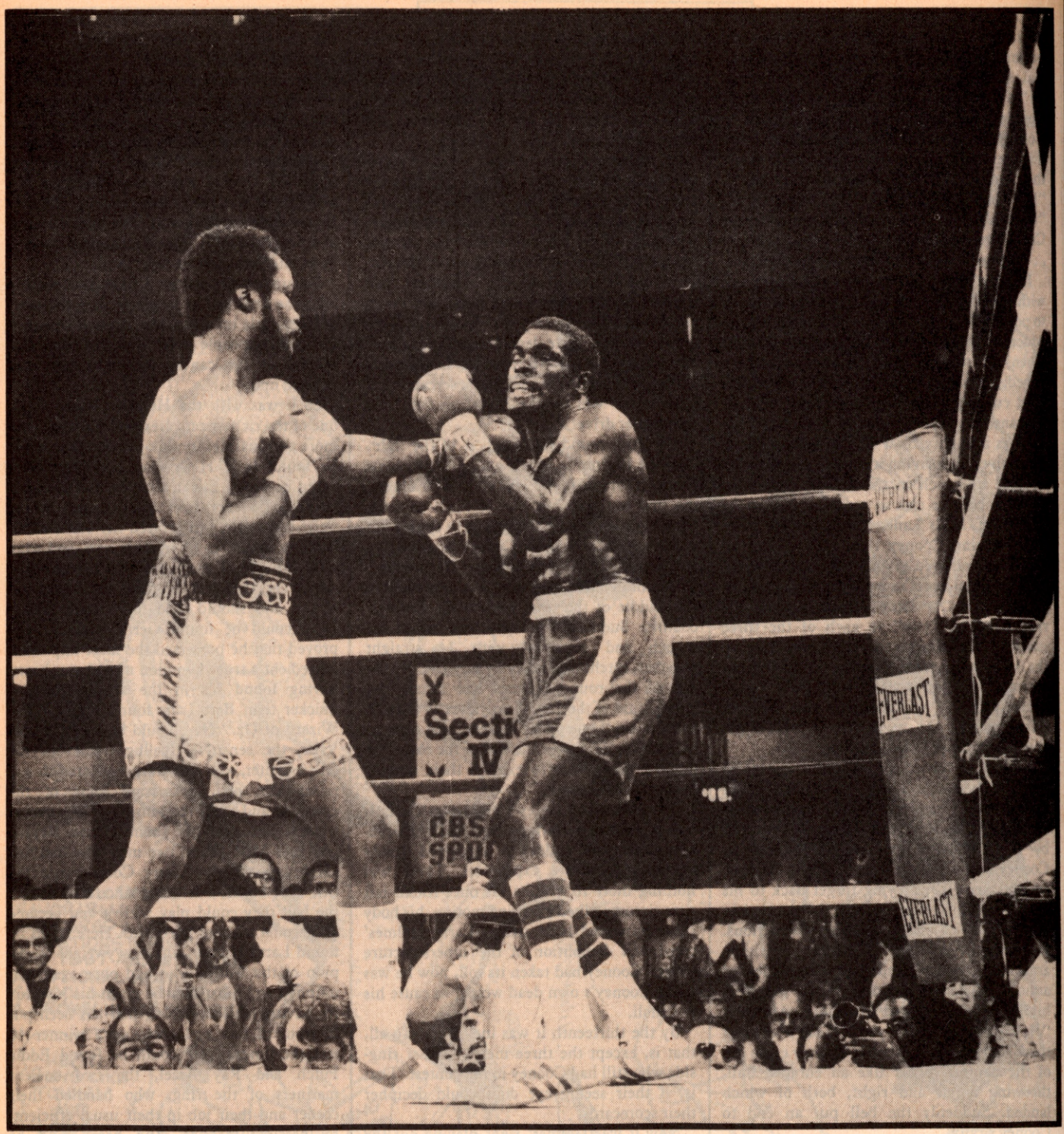


[FROM BERT PARKS AND PARK PLACE TO BOXING, THE NEW POWER BASE IS NOW...]

A.C. BY THE SEA

THE GIANT picture of a boxer, the size of ten Toro Morenos—the cardboard fighter in the "Harder They Fall"—looms high above the swamp surrounding New Jersey Route 30. Posed in a fighting stance, championship belt adorning his waist, he is the most conspicuous figure along the billboard row that lines the western approach to Atlantic City. It is appropriate there should be at least one pugilist among these gaudy placards, for Atlantic City has challenged Las Vegas for more than the gambler's dollar; it has become boxing's Avis to Vegas' Hertz. And *definitely* trying harder.

BY NIGEL COLLINS

WHEN OLYMPIC HERO HOWARD DAVIS outpointed Luis Davila at Resorts International Hotel Casino on November 4, 1978, it marked the debut of casino boxing in New Jersey—an event made possible by a statewide referendum legalizing casino gambling in 1976. Also scoring a first that afternoon was CBS-TV, which broadcast the proceedings nationally. Together they gave birth to boxing's latest million-dollar bonanza. Since then, all nine A.C. casinos have held at least one card, with many plunging headlong into a veritable smorgasbord of fights. The schedule has become like one of those whirlwind tours of Europe. If it's Tuesday, then this must be the Tropicana.

B.C.—Before Casinos—title bouts in Atlantic City were few and far between; with even fewer in between. In fact, there had only been one since the city first incorporated in 1854; the fight between Joey Giardello and Dick Tiger back in 19-ought-63, when gatecrashers, in publicist Murray Goodman's word, "stole the gate." No wonder it took 16 more years to land a second one. That second one came in August on 1979, when Resorts hosted Saad Muhammad's first defense against Jon Conteh. The flood gates were opened and championship fights are now almost as common as ten-dollar hookers on Pacific Ave. And sometimes wear the same amount of cosmetic camouflage as the hookers, all the better to mask their unattractiveness.

Originally, resorts was the only game in town, literally. They bolted from the starting gate while other casinos, now operating at full throttle, were consumed with the first order of business: building their casinos and obtaining their gambling licenses. Resorts opened their tiny, 400-seat Rutland Room for the ESPN tournament, and began staging major bouts in the SuperStar Theatre. Temporarily, they were the undisputed king of Boardwalk boxing. Soon other casinos, licenses in hand, opened their doors and the market quickly became competitive. Suddenly the line of casinos hungry for attractions formed on the left, all waving money.

Casino boxing works primarily because the fight mob has always had a propensity to wager a bob or two. The converse is also true. The so-called "high rollers" love the flying fist almost as much as they do the turn of a card, the spin of a wheel, or the roll of the dice. From the race track men gather to gamble, they also seem to appreciate a test of the manly art. It is this time-honored brotherhood between gambling and gamboling that has led to the extensive use of complimentary fight tickets. In what amounts to a million-dollar giveaway, the casinos "comp" their good players with freebies for everything from club fights to championships.

In most—although not all—cases, the casino pays the promoter a site fee (sometimes as high as six figures) and keeps the gate for themselves. This they sell or give away as they deem fit, with the ratio of comps to cash customers varying from casino to casino. Playboy, for example, has a policy of comping up to, and exceeding, 75% of their tickets.

"Boxing is our featured invitational event," says Bucky Howard, Playboy's vice president in charge of casino operations. "Every time we have a boxing event, we send out over 2,000 invitations to our top customers to come as our guests. We don't expect to make any ticket money."

They do, however, expect to service the customer in almost every other conceivable manner, including food, drinks, rooms, and of course, gambling. Altruism only goes so far.

"Boxing exposes the customer to us," continues Howard. "The percentage of 'drop' (money *dropped* by the players at the tables or slots) on the individual weekend of the fight is not the total picture. I feel that a boxing event will carry us the next couple of weeks, too. It has a rollover effect."

The casinos also derive enormous ancillary benefits from televised fights. The broadcast team inevitably mentions the innkeeper's name several times during the course of the show, giving the host casino not only a free plug, but also creating the impression that *this* is where "the action" is—athletic or otherwise. The financial aspects are also attractive. The overhead involved in staging a fight is far less than buying comparative commerical time. Or, in the case of a major fight, less than a top-flight nightclub act, say Dionne Warwick.

"It seems like we were one of the best kept secrets in town," says Howard. "We were more or les considered a Playboy Club, not a Playboy Hotel Casino. We figured the East Coast person is very interested in sports, and about the only sport we can get into in a first-class way to get our message into the country, is big-time boxing. Due to the commitments you have with televison, you get the message relayed everywhere."

Bally's Park Place has been another enthusiastic entrant into the boxing arena. They, like Playboy, go for the major fights, many of which are televised nationally. Charles Tannenbaum, Bally's vice president, likes to shop around for what he feels are important matches, hence has produced mixed results. Bally's was the site of the O'Grady-Kenty and Arguello-Mancini classics; but on the other hand, Snipes-Mustafa Muhammad and Hagler-Lee have also (dis)graced their ring. When all their cards are counted, though, Bally's has presented high quality matches and stayed away from meaningless club fights.

Philosophies among casinos differ almost as much as their room rates when it comes to putting on boxing, making it possible for a wide-range of fights to find a home. The Sands has employed boxing as part of a marketing redirection. When the building first opened, it was called The Brighton, a so-called "family hotel" complete with Bert Parks—a reject from Atlantic City's longest running show, The Miss America Pageant—on hand to project its "family" image. Boxing was shunned because they, "didn't want to cultivate *that kind* of clientele". Predictably, gamblers stayed away in droves, precipitating a change in name and management. As well as direction.

The Sands' new image is the brainchild of president Bill Weidner. He has created a "man's casino", with a macho aura that depends heavily on regularly-scheduled boxing to lure in the customers. Twice monthly, ESPN televises their Thursday night program live from the Sands, providing Weidner and his players with a steady diet of medium-budget shows, all designed to enhance the masculine feeling the Sands wishes to project.

There is little doubt that the Sands' shifting sands has been an unqualified success. According to the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, the Sands showed the most

significant improvement in monthly win totals. In March of 1981, during the Pre-Sands era, the "win" (the amount *lost* by gamblers, not the casino's profit) was $5.8 million. for March of 1982, the Sands—aided and abetted by boxing—won $10.2 million, almost doubling its figures from the previous year.

I'm a boxing fan" explains Weidner. "I kinda like a good, old-fashioned boy's night out. You go out, have a couple of beers, see a good fight and have a good time. That's what gamming is, to a great extent, particularly in midweek."

But the Sands has not limited itself entirely to ESPN cards; they also chip in with more than their share of major bouts, including title defenses by Jeff Chandler and Eusebio Pedroz. Weidner also has first option on all Frank (The Animal) Fletcher fights.

"I love Frank," says Weidner. He gives you the sort of slugging match our customers enjoy the most."

The most ambitous venture in this punch-happy town has been made by the Tropicana, the newest kid on the block, or in this case, the Boardwalk. They, like the old Silver Slipper shows in Vegas, run every week, normally on Tuesday. At first, cynics said that it couldn't be done, especially since the Tropicana would not have the advantage of any regular television revenue. Well, they have not only survived, they've succeeded beyond anyone's wildest expectations. The Tuesday night fights at the the Trop are currently the hottest boxing ticket in town. After a slow start, the 1,400-seat ballroom is now packed for every show.

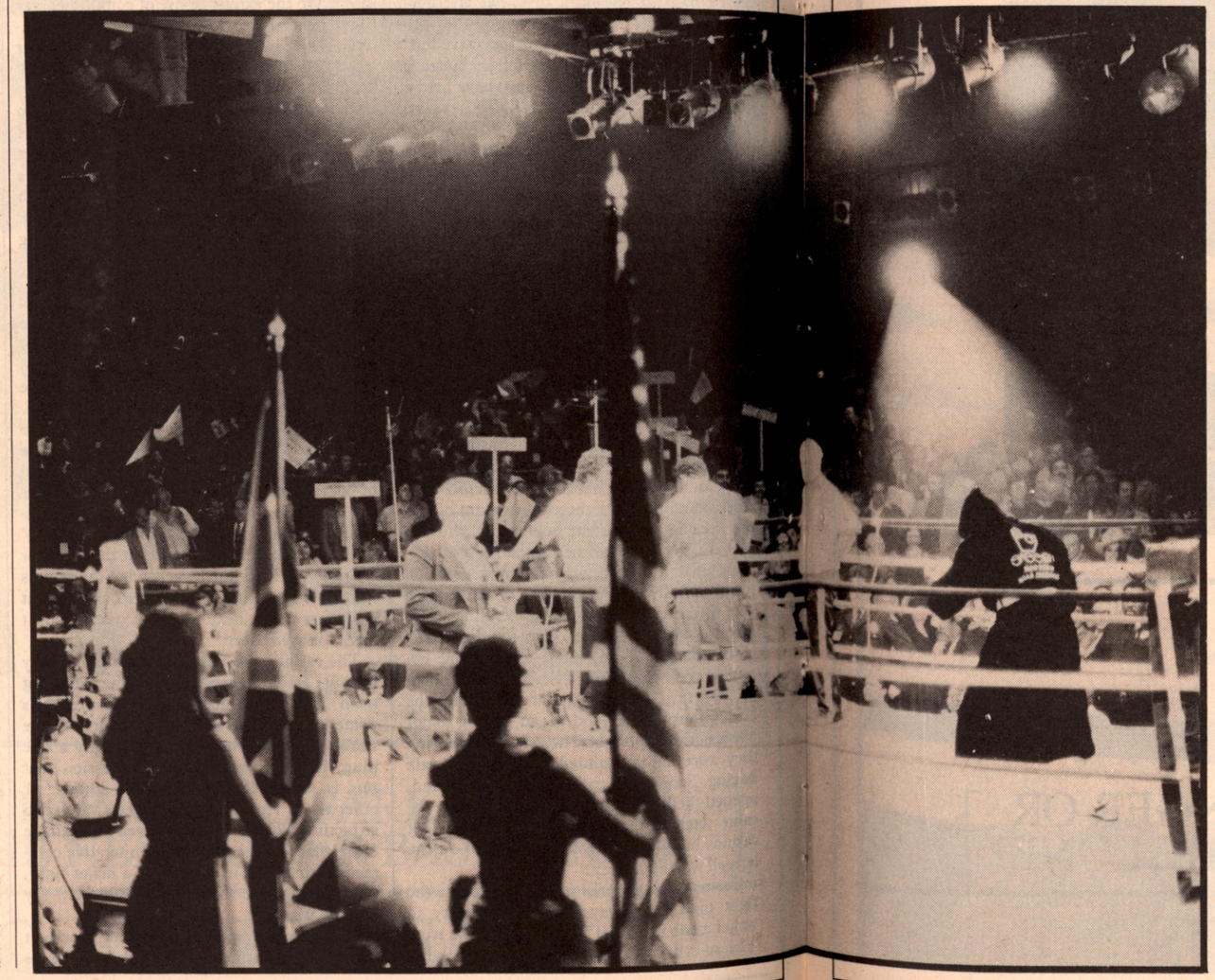
"I think the key to our success has been our consistency," says Jimmy Martin, Tropicana's director of special events. "No one else had done it and it was designed to make us the boxing capital of the East Coast. Here at the Tropicana we have a very extensive bus program. We give a complimentary ticket to the fights and they pay for the transportation down here to the casino. But we're reaching out, not only for the fight fan, but for the fight fan who is a player. The 'drop' figures—have shown a dramatic increase since we began booking boxing."

The Tropicana has also experimented with larger televised shows on the weekend, finding them profitable, but not as rewarding as their weekly cards. "We have found that our week-to-week show costs stack up well for us as opposed to the big money expenditures to go on those network shows," says Martin. "Bringing in the action Tuesday nights has really bolstered us for our entire week's 'drop' as opposed to trying to put a match in on weekends when we're jammed already. We have to balance the network exposure against the actual real dollars that are generated from the fight crowd."

Much of the Tropicana's success can be credited to Don Elbaum, a veteran tank-town promoter, finally getting a crack at the big time. Don, and his partner, Ted Menas, have developed a fast-paced formula consisting of four or five prelims plus a main event. It's a recipe that contrasts sharply from some of the Don King marathons held at the Playbody. There are usually plenty of knockouts and none of the long delays caused by television interviews that break the rhythm of action at the Sands. The accoustics, which heighten, rather than muffle the sound, are another element which help make the Trop's cards so enjoyable. Many of the other casino crowds seem dead by comparison, the fan's noise somehow seemed lost in cavernous theatres designed more for musical revues than boxing.

Boxing's most recent converts have been the Claridge and Harrah's. The Claridge, the smallest casino in A.C., has decided to go with a modest monthly program, put together by Philadelphia promoter Joe Hand. Primarily he uses graduates from the Montgomery County Boy's Club, a Pennsylvania amateur club affiliated with a local labor union. Their support enables Hand to fill the 700-seat Hi-Ho Palace for nearly every card. Harrah's, on the other hand, has opted to go the "quality fight" route. They broke the ice with the Saad Muhammad-Pete McIntyre laugher, and despite the abrupt ending were pleased enough to try to come back with the now-postponed Braxton-Mwale fight.

Resorts isn't buying as many fights as they used to. They seem to be surfeited with such top supper club talents as Frank Sinatra, Diana Ross, and Johnny Mathis, among others, and therefore find themselves in a unique position for Atlantic City, of not needing boxing nearly as much as the rest. Nevertheless, they recently embarked on a new, monthly series of cable-television bouts, demonstrating a desire to keep their finger in the potentially profitable pie.



Those least involved in boxing have been Caesars Boardwalk Regency and the Golden Nugget. Caesars lacks a room of sufficient size to house the kind of matches they are interested in. But still they have sponsored a couple of cards at nearby Convention Hall and have also purchased the rights to several closed-circuit biggies. The Golden Nugget, in their lone boxing experiment, gave a home to the Saad Muhammad-Jerry Martin rumble, setting a record of sorts when they sold only five of their 800 seats, choosing instead, to give away the rest as "comps" to their patrons.

If, as someone once said, success has made failures of many men, then it's certainly threatening to do likewise to the New Jersey State Athletic Commission. The phenomenal rise of Atlantic City boxing has taxed their limited budget and personnel to the breaking point. The number of pro shows in New Jersey has soared from only seven in 1975 to 79 last year, with 48 of those in Atlantic City alone. The totals for 1982 could easily pass the century mark. Although boxing generated a record $232,000 in revenue for the state coffers last year, the State Athletic Commission budget has remained the same. "They haven't increased our staff one iota," says Bob Lee, Chief Deputy Commissioner. "We've asked for certain things that we haven't got. We need bodies badly and we just haven't got what we asked for."

Lee, who originally came to the commission on loan from the Division of Consumer Affairs—of which the Athletic Commission is part—has advanced rapidly in boxing's inner circle: He is currently vice president of the WBA and North American co-ordinator for their championship bouts and also serves as president of the USBA. Although Jersey Joe Walcott holds the post of Athletic Commissioner, it is Lee who runs the day-to-day business of the commission, as well as personally overseeing a majority of all cards. He seems to be in the right place at the right time and frankly admits that he wouldn't mind becoming the next president of the more-than-somewhat discredited WBA.

"I really don't have the desire to run for the position. To me, it is not the pinnacle of success to be president of the WBA," says Bob. "But, because I see what is going on and I don't think another American could win, I'll give it a shot. I'm tired of these guys just doing whatever they want."

With only 29 of the 50 states possessing regulatory bodies—and many of those which exist are pitiable—New Jersey comes up with pretty good marks. But the boxing landslide, which accompanied casino gambling, has spotlighted the Jersey Commission, as well as backlighted some less-than-glorious moments for this supposedly quality commission.

Who can forget the sight of welterweight Johnny Cooper being forced, under threat of suspension, to put his gloves back on and continue his fight with Mike Picciotti after the referee had declared him a cut-eye TKO winner? Or more recently, blood soaking through the left glove of light heavy Pat Cuillo and dripping onto the canvas after he somehow managed to slip past state inspectors with a badly lacerated finger?

The commission also came under fire when several promoters lined up television dates for the same day. According to promoter Russell Peltz, Don King one-upped him by delivering contracts directly to Lee's home, while he followed the more conventional method, filing papers at the Commission office in Trenton. Peltz subsequently took the Commission to court, hoping to compel them to allow both fights in Atlantic City on the same day. Judge J. Fritz, of the Superior Court of New Jersey, denied Peltz' motion, forcing the promoter to move the Jeff Chandler-Johnny Carter WBA bantamweight championship to Philadelphia. Peltz claims that the move cost him a "fortune" and is appealing Fritz's decision, adding still another suit to boxing's already bulging docket, and another black eye for the N.J. punchboard.

In an attempt to prevent a reoccurence, Lee has sent a suggested rules amendment to the attorney general, a protracted process that may, or may not, result in a change.

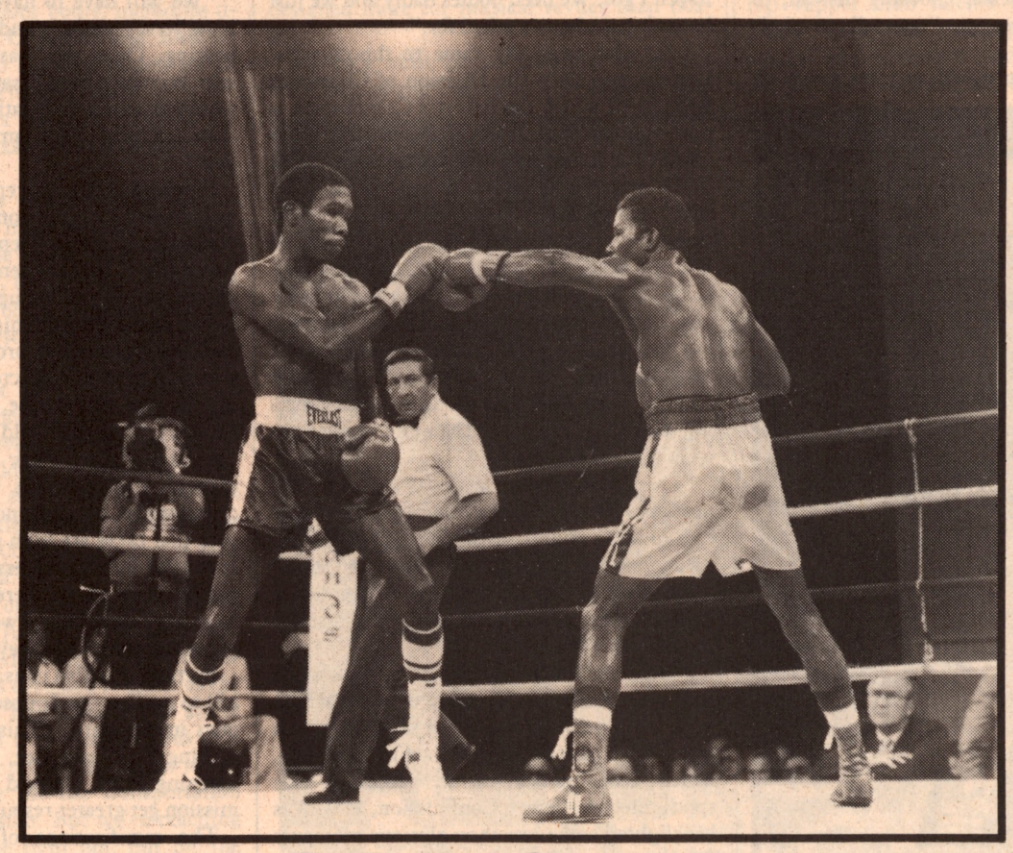
"We will have to have it published in the New Jersey registry and then there will be a hearing. Once that has been completed, it may become a rule," says Lee. "In effect, it would give us a little latituide in having more than one fight in the same locale, on the same day."

Growing concern over the problems of the overworked Commission has finally caused a bureaucratic stir in Trenton. The head of the Assembly's Independent Authorities Committee recently called upon both Walcott and Lee to assess the commission's financial position, its issuances of promoter's licenses and selection of state inspectors. At a public hearing at the Statehouse, Assemblyman A.J. (Buddy) Fortunato told Dave Bontempo of the Atlantic City *Press:* "I know that boxing through the years has supported people of questionable backgrounds. We have to make sure that there are high standards for boxing. It is good for the profession and good for the public. The people here today (Walcott and Lee) were qualified. I wonder about the people under them. Are they qualified?"

Fortunato is also considering introducing a bill to outline—as opposed to outlaw—boxing laws in the state. "This is what we've been waiting for," said Lee. "Someone is finally listening to us. I would like to see the Commission get greater resources."

The ramifications of boxing's boom in Atlantic City are also being felt elsewhere. Philadelphia, once one of the nation's leading fight cities, can no longer compete with its neighbor 60 miles to the south and has almost rolled over and died, if not dried up. Overseas promoters, who have long counted on American cannon-fodder, are now experiencing great difficulty getting fighters to travel. A similar problem is also felt by small East Coast matchmakers trying to obtain inexpensive talent to stock their small-budget shows. Who wants to slug it out in some dingy, smoke-filled club, when you can do battle in the posh surroundings of a glittering casino, and get paid twice as much in the process? No longer is it a promoters' market; now it belongs to the fighters, and A.C., N.J. was the ingredient that changed the equation.

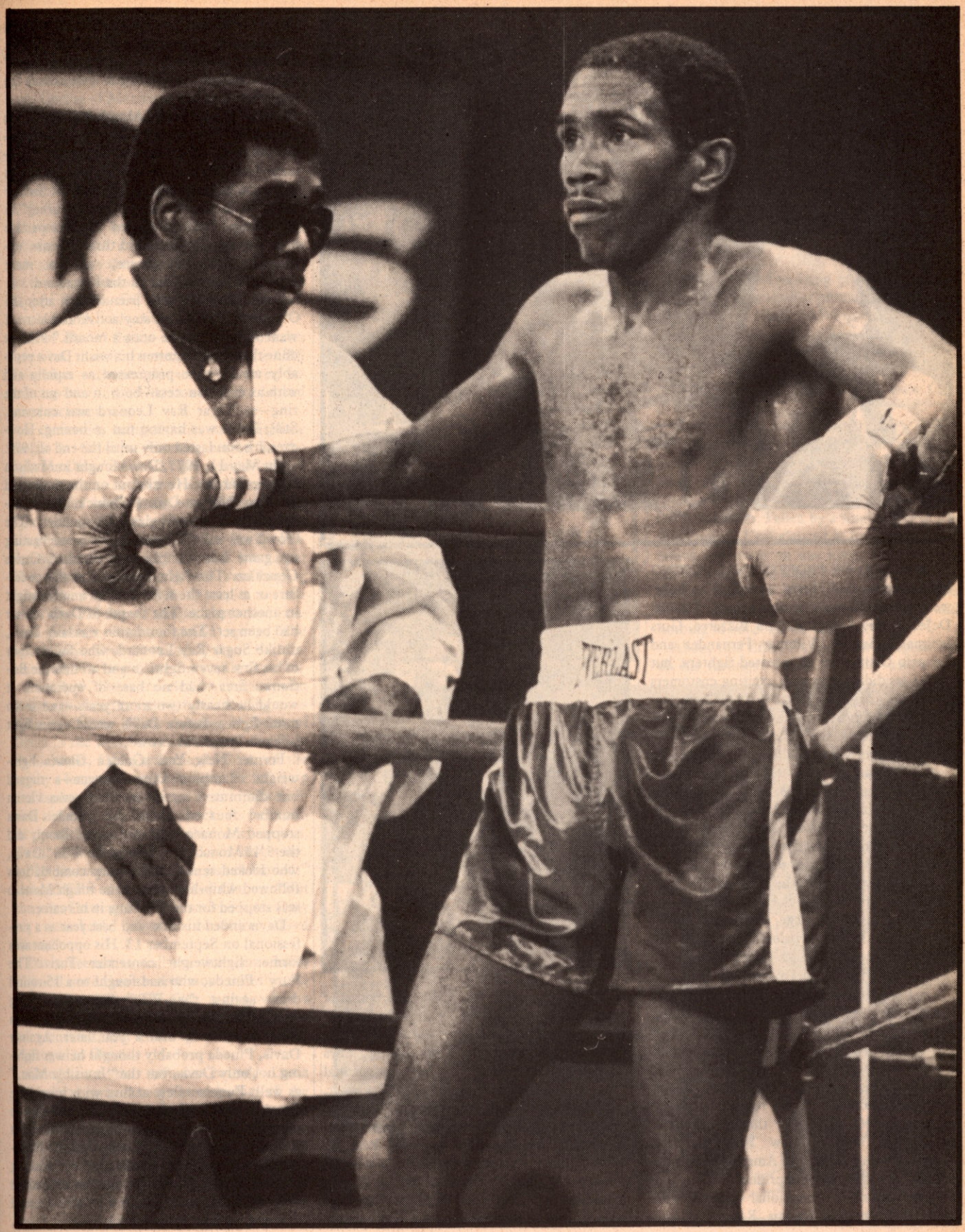
HOWARD Davis, Jr. Between 1973 and 1976, that name was synonymous with superiority and excellence in the world of amateur boxing. Today, the name is synonymous with comeback. ¶ Between 1973 and 1976, all Davis did was win 125 out of 130 fights. He won a world amateur championship in Cuba. He tied Vince Shomo's long-standing record by winning the prestigious New York Golden Gloves four consecutive years. He won a gold medal in the 1976 Olympics, fighting 20 rounds in the competition, losing not one of them on any official's scorecard. He made it look easy. ¶ Davis made his niche in amateur boxing by possessing speed. An abundance of it. Hand speed. Foot speed. Over three rounds he was a lightning bolt with boxing gloves on. Opponents would drag themselves back to their corner muttering to their handlers, "What do I do? He's too damn fast!"



BY RANDY GORDON

[LIGHTWEIGHT CHALLENGER OR "LIGHTWEIGHT" IN NAME ALONE?]

HOWARD DAVIS



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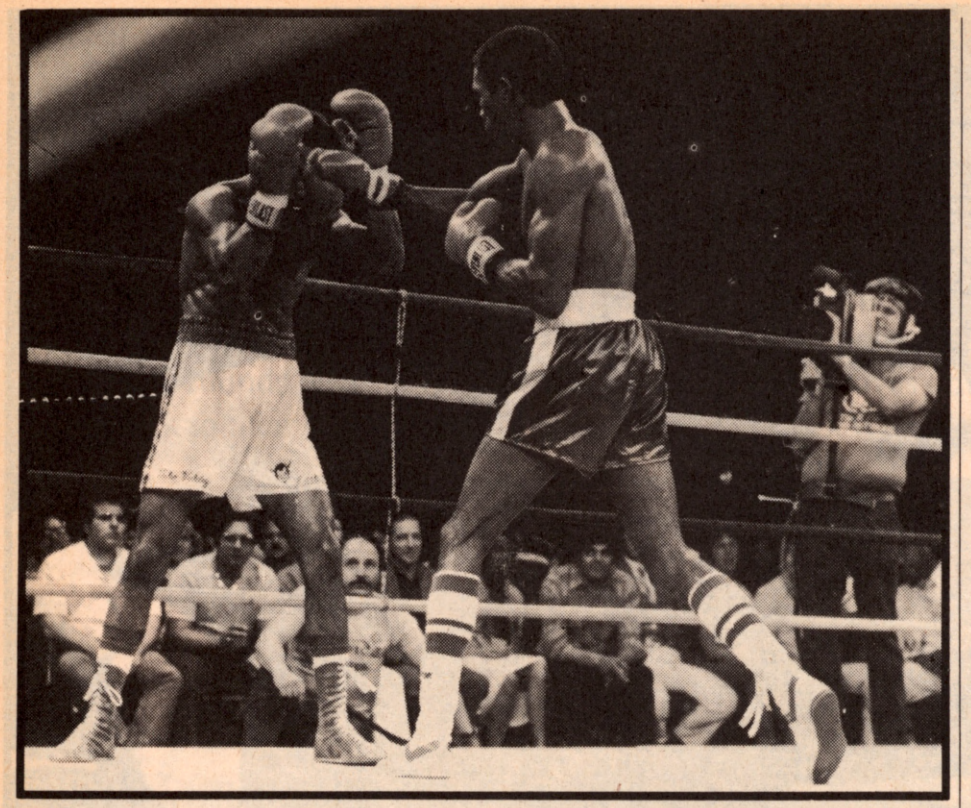
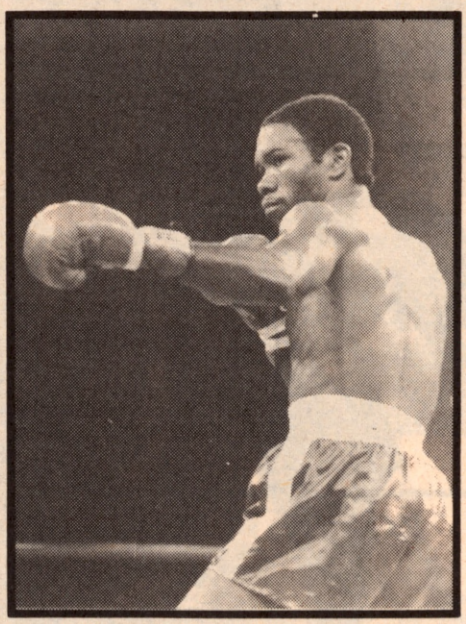


THE WORLD OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING anxiously awaited Davis' arrival. The lightweight division was getting stagnant. Esteban DeJesus, Ray Lampkin, Lou Bizzarro, Guts Ishimatsu Suzuki, Vilomar Fernandez and Leoncio Ortiz were all talented fighters, but turnstiles didn't spin with exciting customers whenever they headlined cards. Champion Roberto Duran was the division's only bona-fide contender. Davis, it was thought, would progress rapidly and challenge Duran in two years. Greatness was forecast for the speedster form Glen Cove, Long Island. After all, wasn't he the same Howard Davis, Jr. who won the Val Baker Award in the 1976 Olympic Games, an award synonymous with being the best fighter in the competition? He won the award—and the lightweight gold medal—as the world cheered and became emotional at his courage, for Davis fought throughout the competition with the mountainous burden of having suffered the death of his mother at the start of the Games.

That was Howard Davis, Jr., a 20-year-old tower of power, whose story far transcended the arena. He didn't drink or smoke. Many of Long Island's high schools often called upon Davis to speak to its population about "Getting High on Life, Not Drugs." Davis gladly obliged, receiving a rousing applause each time. He was more than a celebrity, more than another New York superstar athlete. Davis belonged to America. The boxing world was proud he represented it.

After signing a professional contract with real estate moguls Dennis Rappaport and



Michael R. Jones in late 1976 for a bonus of $50,000 ("that's a very ballpark figure," Rappaport once stated) and the promise of a career in real estate when his fighting days were done, Davis fought his first professional bout in 1977. January 15, 1977, to be exact. In a six-round bout, televised live over the CBS network, Davis was handed a prearranged victory. His opponent was Jose Resto, a contemporary version of Joe Grim, a turn-of-the-century fighter who is called by boxing historians as "The Worst Fighter Who Ever Lived." Resto stepped into the ring against Davis with more than 70 losses, 28 of those consecutively. Of course, Davis won. Easily. He was on his way to the "Dream Fight" against Roberto Duran. Or at least , that's the way it seemed.

Davis' second fight, March 20, 1977, was also a setup"—against likeable but marshmallow-chinned Rick Craney. Olympic Teammate Leon Spinks fought on the card with Davis, as he had done on January 15. Similar to Davis, Spinks was also given a "turkey" to gobble up. Both devoured their respective meal. Craney fell in round three. Spinks' opponent, Jerry McIntyre, was a mere appetizer. He was gone in the first round.

Davis had often told friends soon after the Olympics, "I want to stay active and learn. I want to fight maybe once a month." Had he done that, had he gotten his wish, Davis probably would have progressed as rapidly and with as much success—both in and out of the ring—as Sugar Ray Leonard was enjoying. Still, Davis was having fun in boxing. However, his fun lasted only until the end of 1977.

On May 11, 1977, Davis fought in Madison Square Garden. He was put on the undercard to Ken Norton-Duane Bobick. In a six-rounder. A meaningless six-rounder. The crowd was still filling in as Davis was beating up game but terribly over-matched Carlos Gonzalez. The fight belonged as the co-feature or at least the semi-final on another night in another place. The theme of Davis' career had been set. The foundation was laid. Davis, unlike Sugar Ray Leonard, who fought four of his first seven fights in and around the Baltimore area, had no base of operation. It would be nearly two more years—and seven more fights—before Davis would again fight before a hometown crowd.

Former New York Golden Gloves lightweight champion Dom Monaco—a rugged but diminutive native of Italy—was victim number four on Davis' hit parade. Davis stopped Monaco in round eight. Rarely did the 5'4" Monaco get close to the 5"10" Davis, who looked sensational. Sharp combinations followed whip-like jabs as the tough Monaco was stopped for the first time in his career.

Davis ended his first and best year as a professional on September 13. His opponent was former lightweight contender Turi "The Fury" Pineda, who had fought to a 15-round draw against then-WBC lightweight king Guts Ishimatsu Suzuki in 1974 and dropped a close decision to him a year later. Against Davis, Pineda probably thought he was fighting not only Davis, but the "Invisible Man," as well. Punches flew at him with incredible speed from the opening bell. The pro-Pineda crowd in Los Angeles gasped in astonishment from the start as Davis pummelled the Mexican as no man had ever done before finishing him off in the fourth round. Pineda retired after the fight, but after a few months decided to come back, stating, "I couldn't hit Davis,

so how could I beat him. Nobody I've ever fought, nobody I've ever seen has his speed. I must fight once more." He did, and in a brutal encounter, stopped rated contender Ernesto Garfias of Mexico in the eighth round.

"See," said Pineda afterwards. "I've still got something left. I'd like to fight Davis again, but only if they cut the ring to the size of a phone booth."

Davis went from sensational to mediocre in 1978. It was one of the most unbelievable turnarounds in boxing history. Fighting on February 4 with a bad back, Davis could do little more than shut out veteran Jose Fernandez over eight rounds. Half of the fighter who stopped Pineda five months earlier should have been able to do the same to Fernandez.

All of Davis' fights—except the Gonzalez fight—had thus far been shown over the CBS Television network. So were his three remaining bouts in 1978, in which he looked worse each time out.

A converted, semi-circular, steel airplane hangar in Orlando, Florida, served as the sight for Davis' May 13 fight against rugged Larry Stanton, a fellow New Yorker who lived within running distance of Davis. The fight belonged in the Nassau Coliseum on Long Island, or at least in New York's Felt Forum, not in a steamy airplane hangar in front of southern rednecks who were hoping for the hero of the 1976 Olympics to wilt under the 100-degree temperatures and constant pressure Stanton would apply. The fight, Davis' first 10-rounder, went the distance, with Davis pulling out a split-decision.

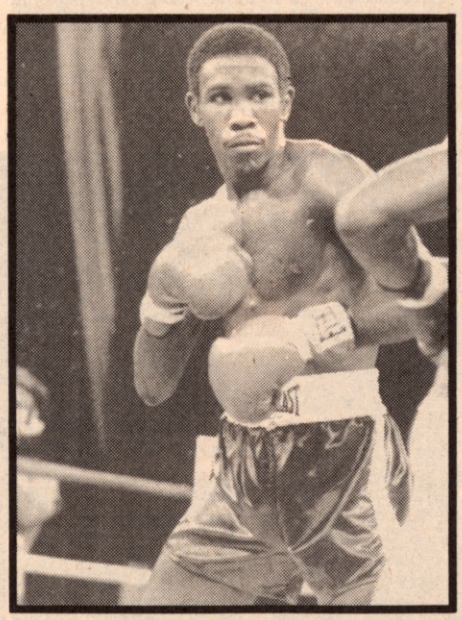
On July 9, Davis traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to face the fading but still dangerous Norman Goins. While dancing in front of Goins in the first round, his hands dangling by his waist, Davis was caught flush on the jaw by a looping, overhand right. He fell limp and backwards in an arc as a national television audience watched in shock. As he crashed upon the canvas, he looked unconscious. Then, just as fast as he went down, he got up.

"He was out cold when the punch landed," claimed CBS commentator Gil Clancy. "But the jolt of hitting the floor revived him. Only his remarkable physical condition saved Davis."

Davis needed to call on that remarkable physical condition several more times in the fight, especially in the fifth round, when a hard hook sent him down again. Once again he recovered, but that fight almost totally belonged to Goins.

Going into the seventh round, Davis needed to win every round—big—if he wanted to stay unbeaten. Reaching down for the courage that carried him to an Olympic title, Davis began to score heavily with both hands, flooring Goins and nearly stopping him in the ninth round. The decision, as it was two months earlier against Stanton, was unpopular, but Davis remained unbeaten.

Four months later, Davis was in the ring against Luis Davila, a light-punching Puerto Rican. The fight took place in Atlantic City. This was Davis' ninth pro fight, and not once in the nine fights did he fight in the same city twice. The bout, except for a brief moment in the third round when Davis was caught off-balance and knocked down, was dull. Davila didn't try to win, so Davis did nothing more than stand at long range and box. There was no question about the decision. There were questions, though, about Davis' future.



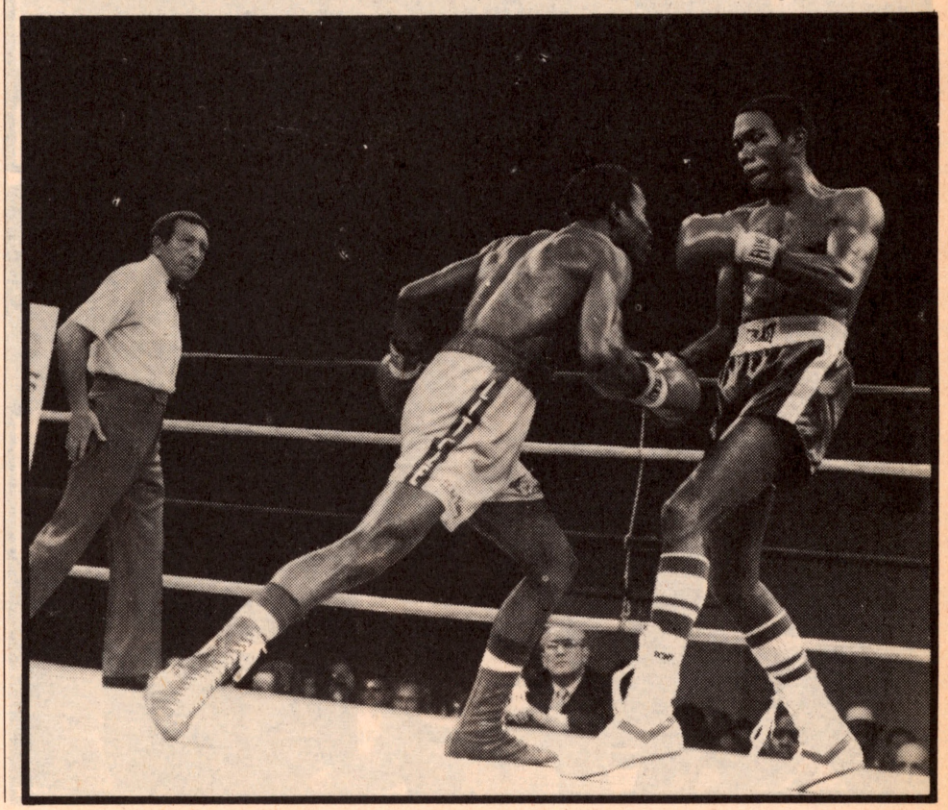
The questions bothered Davis. More than ever before. The stories, those questions were fit into, dug even deeper into the emotional core of the shy, sensitive youngster.

They portrayed him as nothing more than a sprinter with boxing gloves on, as brittle as blown glass. He tried ignoring the stories, but with little success. Rapidly, he began to lose his interest in boxing. His enthusiasm was replaced by bitterness, despite the fact he was being contracted to display his skills on CBS for $185,000 per fight, with six fights remaining on the contract.

"I'm annoyed at CBS," said Davis at the time, "for not advertising my fights, for not giving them any kind of promo in the days before the fight. I notice ABC does that with all their fights, especially when Ray (Leonard) fights. I'm not jealous of Ray. If anything, I'm very happy for him. It's just that I think ABC is doing right by him. I just want CBS to do right by me."

Davis returned to action—and to New York—in April, 1979, against Italy's Giancarlo Usai in the Felt Forum. April might bring rain to New York, but Usai brought with him a splash so huge it was as if a tidal wave struck the Felt Forum. Felled by a single right in the third round, Usai glanced at his corner while taking the count on one knee. He remained on one knee as the count hit "TEN!" Fans let the boo birds out of their cages. Even Davis looked disgustedly at Usai. The fight did nothing to boost Davis' image.

About this time, Davis began to speak out on his feelings toward the sport which was

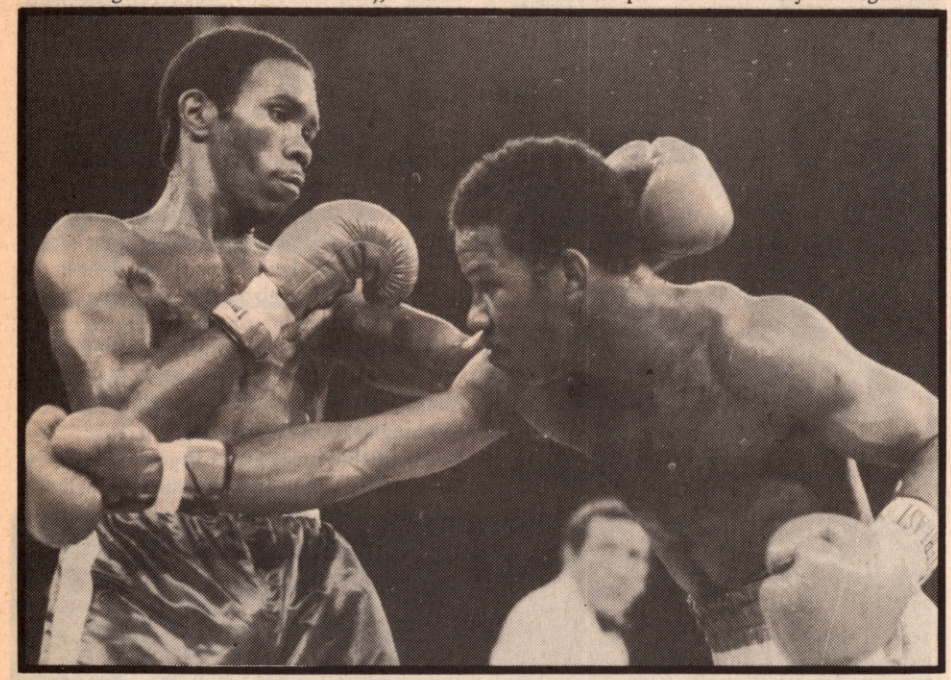


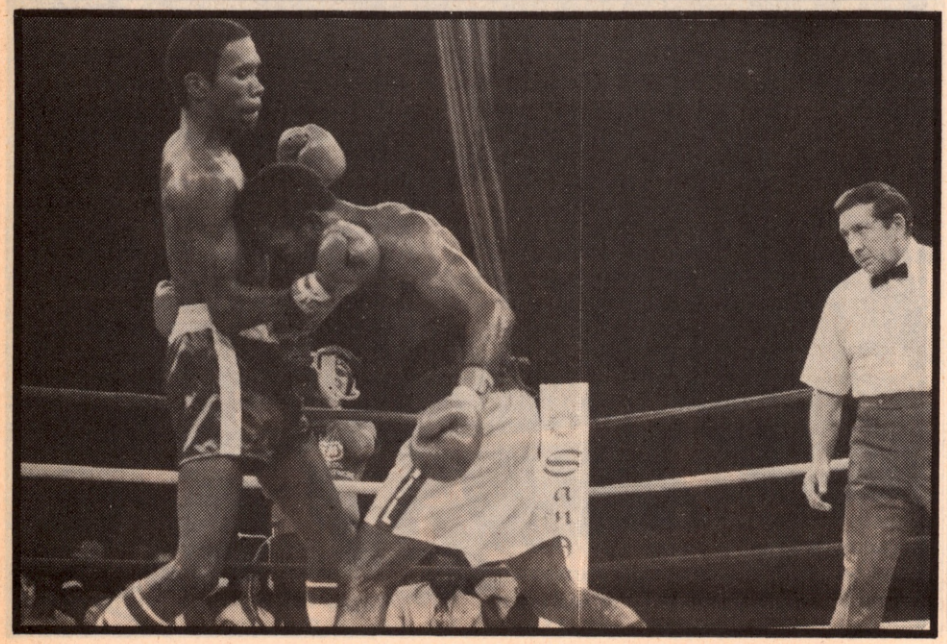
making him rich. A national boxing publication carried the story, "HOWARD DAVIS, JR: I HATE BOXING." Boxing fans don't like to hear such talk, especially from a fighter who was making so much money. They turned against him. As they did, Davis drew further and further away from boxing, and became more involved with his band, for which he played guitar, drums and sang. He did all three quite well. However, boxing, which he did better, had become nothing more than a job—a job he didn't care for. Davis had become a boxing hermit. The only time the public saw him was when he fought. It was then back into hiding.

After two fairly impressive victories in Texas (a stoppage of Jose Hernandez and a decision against Maurice Watkins), Davis signed to fight in a 12-round title eliminator against veteran Vilomar Fernandez.

The fight took place on February 23, 1980. It was an interesting battle between two smart lightweights. The highlight of the fight came in the second round, when Fernandez, catching Davis making a few amateur mistakes—turning away and dropping his hands—floored the former Olympic champ with a left hook to the chin. Davis was up almost immediately, more embarrassed than hurt. He finished strong in the final rounds to win the decision and earn himself the right to challenge WBC lightweight champion Jim Watt.

"I'll knock him out," said Davis, confident he could accomplish the feat. "The man stands too upright, comes straight at you. He's a European robot. They all fight the same way."





The Watt-Davis fight took place on June 7, 1980, in Glasgow, Scotland. Davis was physically in the fight. Mentally, he had left his title challenge back on Long Island. Watt won the decision, having to stave off a typical late-fight surge by Davis.

"That wasn't me in there against Watt," said Davis upon his return to the United States. "I'd really like to have another shot at him."

A fighter has to stay active and winning (though sometimes the WBA & WBC change their rules to suit their greedy needs) in order to merit a title fight. For Davis, only inactivity followed the Watt fight. Six months of inactivity. The next time Davis climbed into the ring was not against Watt in a rematch. It was against Johnny Lira.

The fight was shown nationally on CBS. Davis won by a unanimous 10-round decision. With the Lira fight out of the way, CBS had only one fight remaining on the six-fight contract they had signed with WDavis three years earlier. To terminate their contract early, CBS paid Davis $185,000 for the Lira fight, then handed him $185,000 for the sixth and final fight, politely telling him he didn't have to make another appearance on the network. CBS claimed their legal department had gone over the contract, and said it read as if CBS was promoting the fighter. CBS said it wasn't in the best interests of the fighter or the network for such an arrangement. Thus the final payoff. It was a polite way for CBS to tell Davis, "Get lost." Davis sunk deeper into his depression and dislike for boxing.

His romance with boxing was further ruined on June 26, 1981. Davis trained hard for a rematch against Larry Stanton. The fight took place at Colony Hill, a dinner club/resort on Long Island. Davis looked superb as he strafed Stanton continuously for seven rounds before the corner of Stanton threw in the towel in round eight. The ballroom was filled, but Davis had an agreement with the promoter—he'd take whatever money was left after all the other fighters and expenses were paid. The bottom line: Davis fought for free.

Two months later, he signed to fight Sean O'Grady on October 31, 1981, for the vacant WAA lightweight title. It is a laughable title from a laughable organization, but it is a title, nonetheless. A fight against O'Grady meant a healthy paycheck, plus the chance to jump into a world title fight against either Alexis Arguello or then WBA-champion Claude Noel. A back-injury forced Davis out of the fight, however. He then had to sit back and watch his substitute, Andy Ganigan, knock O'Grady out in round two. A few weeks later, he witnessed Noel also lose by knockout.

Without a network deal earning him top dollar and without fan support, Davis' career looked to be over. He owned two houses, as

well as an apartment building, a Mercedes and a customized van, all purchased a few years earlier when it seemed Davis would be able to afford one for every memeber of his family. He also had a pregnant wife, Gina, and their seven-month-old son to support. Davis was able to open his eyes and see his finances would not last forever. Or even for a very long time.

At 25, Davis was a confused and depressed young man. But a quitter he is not, and Davis made a New Year's resolution to "start on the road back in 1982."

The first thing he did in January was contact Ed Gersh, the 50-ish owner of the exclusive West Hills Day Camp on Long Island. Gersh, who won a New York Golden Gloves heavyweight title in the early 1940's under the name "Eddie Irwin," was an old friend—and fan—of Davis. He listened to Davis' story.

"I want to help you." said Gersh. And help he has.

Without taking a dime for services rendered, Gersh became a big brother/financial advisor/manager/friend to Davis, who split with Rappaport and Jones. The two, according to Davis, had become more concerned with the career of their heavyweight, Gerry Cooney, than they were with Davis. Rappaport and Jones, known in boxing circles as "The Whackos", because of their constant and sometimes unreasonable pressure on matchmakers, promoters and the press to do right by their stable of fighters, vehemently deny Davis' remarks. They claim they did everything they could to get Davis fights, publicity and money, but found their efforts strongly rejected by, if not Davis, Jr., then by Davis Sr.

"They're suing Davis for a lot of money," said Gersh, "and Howard is suing them for a lot of money—breech of contract. One-third of Howard's purses are being held in escrow."

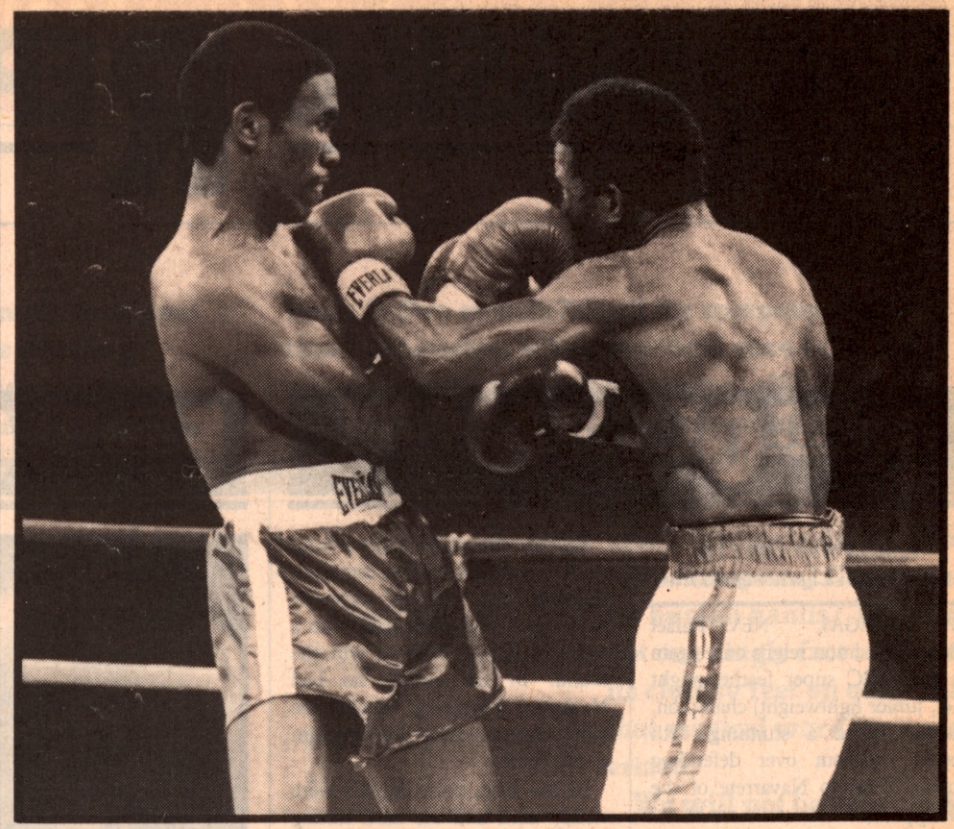
The "Whackos" must take some of the blame for Davis' rise and fall, but not all of it. The fighter's father must also take some of the blame too. In fact, a major portion of it.

On several occasions, Rappaport, Jones and Davis, Sr.—who serves as his son's trainer—sat around discussing future opponents. For whatever reason, the father turned down opponent after opponent. One of those opponents was former bantamweight/featherweight champion Ruben Olivares. When Papa Davis glanced at Olivares name in the Ring Record Book, he thought a moment, then shook his head.

"No good," he said. "Too many knockouts." The fighter, himself, wanted the fight. His father didn't. The father prevailed.

"It was like that all the time," said Rappaport.

Besides dumping Rappaport and Jones, Davis also dumped his father as trainer. One month later, though, the father was back in his son's corner.



"Dad couldn't accept the fact I was a grown man, that I was out on my own," says the vegetarian Davis, who eats no red meat, only occasional chicken and fish. "Things are different now. 'John' (his father's nickname) understands my feelings. He knows me better than anybody. He'll be in my corner from now on."

Papa Davis wasn't in his son's corner for an April 16 fight against Angel Cruz, a fight which Davis won easily by decision, but looked sloppy in doing so.

"My timing was way off," said Davis afterwards. "But I felt it coming back in the last few rounds."

That timing continued to come back last June 3, when he shut out veteran Julio Valdez over 10 rounds, bringing smiles to the faces of the Davis family, Gersh and cornerman Jimmy Glenn.

"He's improving every day, you can see it," says Glenn with ecstasy.

Gersh feels he knows the reason why.

"The whole thing is confidence. When Howard was an amateur, no man had more confidence than he. In the last few years, that confidence and love for boxing disappeared. But Howard has it all back. He can hardly wait to get into the gym now. He looks forward to his next fight now, the way he did when he was an amateur. I'm having a ring and training headquarters built at my day camp for Howard. He's like a little kid waiting to open his Christmas present. He's in love with boxing again. We've signed a three-fight deal with Bob Arum and Top Rank. He'll use those three fights to get his timing back against opponents who are not bums. They'll make him fight and bring out the best in Howard. Then he'll be ready to fight for the title."

The name Howard Davis, Jr., is synonymous with greatness in amateur boxing. His name is now synonymous with comeback. At 26, he is working harder than ever to change "comeback" into another eight-letter word beginning with "C".

Champion. ■

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

LIMON-NAVARRETE
WBC Junior Lightweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Rafael (Bazooka) Limon reigns once again as the WBC super featherweight (i.e., junior lightweight) champion, having scored a stunning 12th round knockout over defending champ Rolando Navarrete of the Philippines.

Limon, 128¼, Mexico City, was behind on all three scorecards when he exploded with a 13-punch flurry late in the 12th that sent Navarrete, 129¾, to the canvas with two seconds left in the round. Referee Joey Curtis counted the champion out flat on his back, the 10-count ending eight seconds after the end of the three-minute mark.

The title bout, held at the Aladdin Hotel Theatre for the Performing Arts, was scheduled for 15 rounds and nationally televised.

With this victory, Limon regained the title he had lost to Cornelius Boza-Edwards on March 8, 1981. Boza-Edwards, in turn, had lost the crown to Navarrete, who knocked him out on August 29 of the same year.

The Limon-Navarrete fight was a blood-and-guts affair from beginning to end. There were no knockdowns prior to the knockout, but both fighters were rocked several times.

Navarrete won the first seven rounds, as he punched and counterpunched brilliantly. He staggered Limon with a series of punches in the first round, but the challenger somehow managed to stay on his feet. Limon was also pinned on the ropes several times during the early rounds.

Bazooka turned the fight around in the eighth frame. He came out slugging, and, though staggered twice, each time came back with a series of lethal blows to win the round. In the ninth, he had Navarrete staggering, though he didn't appear close to finishing him at any point.

In the 10th, both fighters were visibly tired and the hard hitting action slowed considerably. They appeared revived in the 11th, and Limon suffered a cut under his right eye during the action which he later claimed was due to a butt.

At the beginning of the 12th, it appeared that Navarrete would keep his title. He was in top form, swinging at Limon with every punch in his arsenal. But the Bazooka surged in the final seconds with a flurry—finished by a left uppercut and right to the liver—that sent Navarrete down to defeat.

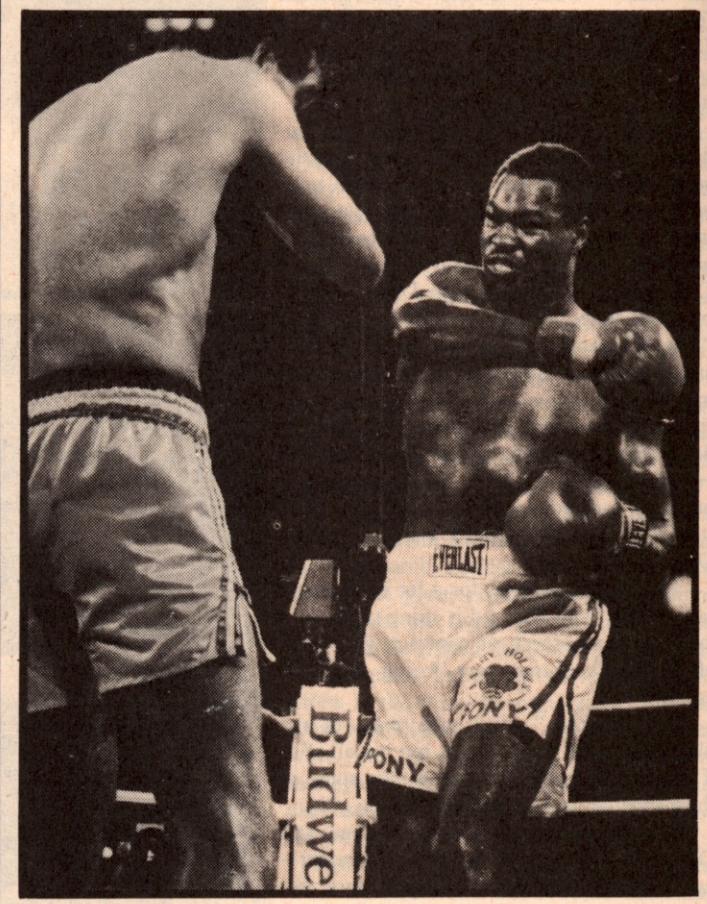
Though each man had called the other "a dirty fighter" during a pre-fight press conference, there were only "borderline" low blows during the bout.

All three judges had Navarrete ahead at the time of the kayo: Dave Moretti (Nevada), 106-104; Taotsu Tomihara (Hawaii), 107-103; Anselmo Escobedo (Mexico), 107-104.

After the fight, Limon, exuberant at regaining his title, claimed he thought he was slightly ahead in the scoring, and did not realize he needed a knockout to win. Limon further stated that, although he "received some blows," he was never seriously hurt.

Limon's manager, Ricardo Maldonado, said that Limon's first defense would be against either

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



It has long been Larry Holmes' contention that he has never been given his "Just Due." When he defended his title against Lorenzo Zanon and Alfredo Evangelista, Holmes' critics said "Big deal. Neither man is any good." When he beat Muhammad Ali, the cry was "Ali was an old, washed up fighter when Holmes fought him." Had Gerry Cooney stayed down in round two, Holmes would have once again been blasted by his critics as having fought "A bum." But Cooney is no bum. He's a big, strong, hard-punching heavyweight who lacks only experience. Homes used that inexperience against Cooney, showing him what fighting the champion of the world is all about. In doing so, and by winning via a TKO in round 13, Larry Holmes became The Ring's "Fighter of the Month," retained his heavyweight championship and more importantly finally earned his "Just due."

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

Although Procter & Gamble will deny it, they once had a dish-washing detergent on the drawing boards called "Dreck." Packaging, advertising, and sales brochures had all been completed before someone pointed out that the word "Dreck", in Yiddish, means "garbage," or a four-letter word closely aligned. Soon thereafter the company changed the product's name to "Dreft" and came out with the same product, although not with the same meaning. But changing the word doesn't necessarily change the meaning, as P&G's sales figures have shown.

Now, some two decades after the P&G incident-cum-fiasco, another similar set of circumstances are giving the word "computerized" a dirty name; even the name "dreck." They are the so-called "Computerized" ratings put out by the New York Post.

In a day and age when everything associated with that most magical of buzz-words, "computer", is supposed to be an open sesame to acceptability, it is interesting to see the word lose its meaning when applied to boxing ratings. After all, when computers, like kings, can do no wrong, why do these computer ratings come out only two times in five months? Can't the computers tell time? Otherwise, why have them once in February, once in May and then nonce at all?

Moreover, there is nothing appended to these ratings to indicate their paternity, only that one word "computerized". What does that mean? Untouched by human hands? There is not one single fact to found its clumsy feet on other than that magical word "computerized."

We will not be adjudged guilty of assailing shadows, but dammit, somebody is putting in the information and somebody is supposed to be punching the button. Or maybe that's why we only get the ratings, such as they are, every three months. Maybe nobody is putting anything in and nobody is pushing the button.

In that case we are listening to the cant of technological terms, and of all cant, the cant of high technology is the most wearisome and offensive of all the mind games people play today. Otherwise, it is being run by humans, and the "Computerized" ratings are pure "dreck."

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

RING RATINGS 40 YEARS AGO

From the July, 1942 issue of The Ring.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

1. Bob Pastor, Saratoga, N.Y.
2. Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Melio Bettina, Beacon, N.Y.
4. Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.
5. Pat Valentino, San Francisco
6. Tami Mauriello, New York, N.Y.
7. Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
9. Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles
10. Lee Savold, Paterson, N.J.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sammy Angott, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia
2. Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J.
3. Juan Zurita, Mexico City, Mexico
4. Maxie Shapiro, New York, N.Y.
5. Chester Rico, New York, N.Y.
6. Bobby Ruffin, Bridgeport, Conn.
7. George Latka, San Jose, Calif.
8. Willie Joyce, Chicago, Ill.
9. Lenny Mancini, Youngstown, Ohio
10. Jimmy Hatcher, Lake City, S.C.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N.J.

1. Booker Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.
2. Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
3. Anton Christoforidis, Greece
4. Ken Overlin, Decatur, Illinois
5. Johnny Colan, New York, N.Y.
6. Alabama Kid, Concord, Ga.
7. Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.
8. Tommy Tucker, Rockaway, N.Y.
9. Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento
10. Jack Coggins, San Diego, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Lulu Costantino, New York, N.Y.
2. Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
3. Mike Raffa, Weirton, Pa.
4. Sal Bartolo, Boston, Mass.
5. Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.
6. Bobby (Poison) Ivy, Hartford, Conn.
7. Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles
8. Davey Crawford, New York, N.Y.
9. Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
10. Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana

1. Georgie Abrams, New York, N.Y.
2. Ernie Vigh, Carteret, N.J.
3. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati
4. Tony Martin, Milwaukee, Wisc.
5. Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
6. Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
7. Kid Tunero, Cuba
8. Steve Belloise, New York, N.Y.
9. Jacob LaMotta, Bronx, N.Y.
10. Fred Apostoli, San Francisco

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Lou Salica, Brooklyn, New York

1. Kui Kong Young, Hawaii
2. Rush Dalma, Philippines
3. Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Jim Brady, Scotland
5. Peter Kane, Lancaster, Eng.
6. Ham Wiloby, Trinidad
7. Tommy Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Tony Olivera, San Francisco
9. Freddie Pope, Columbus, Ohio
10. Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver, B.C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Freddie Cochrane, Elizabeth, N.J.

1. Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
2. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles
3. Marty Servo, Schenectady, N.Y.
4. Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Cocoa Kid, Puerto Rico
6. Garvey Young, Boston, Mass.
7. Freddie Archer, Newark, N.J.
8. Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, Mich.
9. Tony Motisi, Chicago, Ill.
10. Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Title Vacant

1. Jackie Paterson, Scotland
2. Little Dado, Philippines
3. Sammy Reynolds, England
4. Joe Curran, England
5. Luis Castillo, Cuba
6. Paddy Ryan, Lancaster, Eng.
7. Small Montana, Philippines
8. Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.
9. Humberto Espinoza, Cuba
10. Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, Eng.

GENUINE

Budweiser Presents The Ring International Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
3 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
4 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
5 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
6 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
7 **James (Quick) Tillis** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
8 **Randall (Tex) Cobb** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Tim Witherspoon** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
10 **Renaldo Snipes** . . . . . Yonkers, N.Y.

11. John Tate, 12. Leon Spinks, 13. Bernardo Mercado, 14. Larry Frazier, 15. Pinklon Thomas, 16. John Denis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DWIGHT BRAXTON** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
1 **Michael Spinks*** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
2 **Matthew Saad Muhammad** . . . . . Phila., Pa.
3 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
5 **Eddie Davis** . . . . . Freeport, N.Y.
6 **Jerry Celestine** . . . . . New Orleans, La.
7 **John Davis** . . . . . Hempstead, N.Y.
8 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
9 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
10 **S.T. Gordon** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.

11. Murray Sutherland, 12. Bashiru Ali, 13. Jerry Martin, 14. Mustapha Wasajja, 15. Lotte Mwale, 16. Vonzell Johnson, 17. John Odhiambo, 18. Tony Mundine, 19. Young Joe Louis, 20. Niva Tofaeoni

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England
2 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
4 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7 **Ray Seales** . . . . . Tacoma, Wash.
8 **James Green** . . . . . Irvington, N.J.
9 **Bernard Mays** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
10 **Alex Ramos** . . . . . Bronx, N.Y.

11. Wilford Scypion, 12. Vinnie Curto, 13. Bobby Czyz, 14. Mark Holmes, 15. James Kinchen, 16. Ronnie Harris, 17. Teddy Mann, 18. Robbie Sims, 19. Robbie Epps, 20. Ernie Singletary

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Wilfred Benitez**** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
3 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.
4 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
5 **Davey Moore*** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
6 **Charlie Weir** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Gary Guiden** . . . . . Muncie, Ind.
8 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
9 **Clint Jackson** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
10 **Mike McCallum** . . . . . New York

11. James Green, 12. Walter Gomez, 13. Herol Graham, 14. Luigi Minchillo, 15. Tadashi Mihara, 16. Rocky Fratto, 17. Bruce Johnson, 18. Kenny Bristol, 19. Tony Braxton, 20. (Tie) Sean Mannion, Nino Gonzalez, Rocky Mattioli

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Roger Stafford** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Milton McCrory** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Donald Curry** . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
6 **Kevin Howard** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Colin Jones** . . . . . England
8 **Bobby Joe Young** . . . . . Steubenville, Ohio
9 **Marlon Starling** . . . . . Hartford, Conn.
10 **Mauricio Bravo** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Randy Shields, 12. Pete Ranzany, 13. Davey Moore, 14. Luis Primera, 15. Pat Hallacy, 16. Kevin Morgan, 17. Akio Kameda, 18. Mark Harris, 19. Sean O'Grady, 20. Hans Henrik Palm, 21. Jo Kimpuani, 22. Chung-Jae Hwang

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3 **Johnny Bumphus** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
4 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . France
5 **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada
6 **Steve Hearon** . . . . . Houston, Texas
7 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
8 **Ronnie Shields** . . . . . Port Arthur, Texas
9 **Billy Costello** . . . . . Kingston, N.Y.
10 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.

11. Bruce Curry, 12. Ubaldo Sacco, 13. Monroe Brooks, 14. Obisia Nwankpa, 15. Guillermo Fernandez, 16. Antonio Cervantes, 17. Juan Jose Gimenez, 18. Clint McKenzie, 19. Patrizio Oliva, 20. Lennox Blackmoore, 21. Thomas Americo, 22. Steve Early, 23. Hugo Quartapelle

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(AS OF JUNE 20, 1982)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)

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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO** . . . . . Nicaragua
1 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
2 **Ray Mancini*** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
3 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 **Art Frias** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
6 **Gonzallo Montellano** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
8 **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
9 **Ernesto Espana** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.

11. Edwin Viruet, 12. Roberto Elizondo, 13. James Busceme, 14. Curtis Harris, 15. Herman Montes, 16. Orlando Romero, 17. Greg Coverson, 18. Jose Luis Ramirez, 19. Barry Michael, 20. Cocoa Sanchez, 21. Ray Cattouse

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** . . . . . England
2 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon**** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Rolando Navarrete** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
5 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
6 **Yasutsune Uehara** . . . . . Japan
7 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
8 **John Verderosa** . . . . . Staten Island, N.Y.
9 **Ildefonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Carlos Pinango** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Chung-Il Choi, 12. Hector Camacho, 13. Jorge Alvarado, 14. Enrique Maxwell, 15. Johnny de la Rosa, 16. Mario Vizcaya, 17. Ruben Munoz, 18. Frankie Baltazar, 19. Il-Bok Lee, 20. Johnny Aba, 21. Leonardo Moreno, 22. Alfredo Paiva, 23. (Tie) Benedicto Villablanca, Reinaldo Hidalgo, Daniel Londas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
5 **Mario Miranda** . . . . . Colombia
6 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England
8 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
9 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Republic
10 **Paul Ferrari** . . . . . Australia

11. Reyes Gonzalez, 12. Marcos Villasana, 13. Guillermo Vallejo, 14. Bernard Taylor, 15. Bernabe Montanez, 16. Tony Santana, 17. Augustin Martinez, 18. Gustavo Salgado, 19. Rocky Garcia, 20. Jackie Beard

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Leo Cruz*** . . . . . Dominican Republic
2 **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Sergio Palma** . . . . . Argentina
5 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
6 **Lupe Pintor** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea
10 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.

11. Carmelo Negron, 12. Oscar Muniz, 13. Jorge Lujan, 14. Joaquin Acuna, 15. Franco Torregoza, 16. Carlos Mendoza, 17. Vilchit Muangroi-Et, 18. Julio Saba, 19. Salvatore Melluzo

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Chul-Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea
3 **Kiko Bejines** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
7 **Johnny Carter** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Freddie Jackson** . . . . . Houston, Texas
10 **Jiro Watanabe** . . . . . Japan

11. Rafael Orono, 12. Jaime Garza, 13. Miguel Iriarte, 14. Julian Solis, 15. Carlos Bejarano, 16. Richard Sandoval, 17. Diego Rosario, 18. Jorge Ramirez, 19. Jovito Rengifo, 20. Welile Nkosinkulu, 21. Ramon Soria, 22. Seung-Hoon Lee, 23. Artemio Ramirez, 24. Enrique Sanchez, 25. (Tie) Shuichi Isogami, Jose Canizales

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

PRUDENCIO CARDONA** . . . . . Colombia
1 **Santos Laciar*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Tadashi Tomori** . . . . . Japan
3 **Katsuo Tokashiki** . . . . . Japan
4 **Amado Ursua** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
6 **Juan Herrera** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Antonio Avelar** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Hwan Jin Kim** . . . . . Korea
9 **Rafael Pedroza** . . . . . Panama
10 **Candido Tellez** . . . . . Mexico

11. Gustavo Ballas, 12. German Torres, 13. Lupe Madera, 14. Luis Ibarra, 15. Betulio Gonzalez, 16. Juan Diaz, 17. Reinaldo Becerra, 18. Gabriel Bernal, 19. Eleoncio Mercedes, 20. Alonso Gonzalez, 21. Stephen Muchoki, 22. Pedro Flores

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former champ Boza-Edwards or Edwin Rosario.

Navarrete, meanwhile, issued a brief statement. "I lost because he is a good fighter, too," Rolando said. "I was a little bit tired, and he caught me in the stomach. That really did it."

Ralph Aviles, 130, Honolulu, won a unanimous decision over Juan Escobar, 131¾, Tijuana, 10. Scoring: Dave Moretti, 97-92; Larry Clark and Paul Smith, both 98-91. Richard Green, referee.

Frankie Baltazar, 133, kayoed Simon Fontentel, 135½, in 0:45 of round two in their scheduled 10. Glenn Powell, referee.

Frank Hesia, 119, Honolulu, won a unanimous decision over Henry Contrares, 118¼, six. Scoring: Larry Clark, 59-53; Dave Moretti, 59-57; Paul Smith, 59-55. Glenn Powell, referee. Hesia was down twice in the second, but came back to give Contrares a severe pounding for the remaining four rounds.

Andy Montoya, 143¾, won a close but unanimous decision over Chuck Peralta, 142, six. Scoring: Jerry Roth, 58-57; Charles Minker and Dalby Shirley, both 58-56. Richard Green, referee.

Attendance—1,144.

Gross—$24,070.

(05-29-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

ORTEGA-DURAN
WAA Junior Lightweight Title

DENVER, COLO.—A hometown preliminary fighter named James Ortega, 124, won the World Athletic Association's version of the junior lightweight crown with a split decision over journeyman Pat Duran, 129, Wichita Falls, Texas, 15.

Referee Paul Barcelona and judge Doug Brott both carded for Ortega, 143-141 and 144-143, respectively, while judge Eddie Crowder scored it 146-144, Duran—as did most of the crowd.

Ortega was so exhausted that he nearly fell over when the WAA champion's medallion was clasped in front of his cup—He had never gone beyond five rounds before.

The WAA, of course, is the brainchild of Pat O'Grady, and was formed to recognize his son, Sean, as world lightweight king after the younger O'Grady had been shorn of his crown by the WBA.

Sean subsequently lost the WAA "crown" to Hawaii's Andy Ganigan, whom the WAA then stripped of the title for "lack of activity" after three months. Pat now plans to create WAA "champions" in all other weight divisions, including the "junior light heavyweight."

And the WAA's heavyweight champion is Monte Masters. (Who needs Holmes and Cooney, anyway?)

Larry Simmons, 195, Arvada, Colo., own the Rocky Mountain heavyweight title

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(created by his manager, Champ Thomas, a major wheel in the WAA) by knocking out an inept fat man named Jeff Osterman, 235, Pueblo, Colo., in 0:36 of the first round.

Mark Macias, 130, Denver, way behind on points, launched a last round attack, and referee Ray Schoeninger stopped the contest with Mark's opponent, Ronnie Shelton, also 130, Denver, unhurt, but covering up in a corner. Two seconds remained in the contest.

Gary Baca, 147, Denver, won a split decision over awkward Orna Butler, also 147, Denver, six. Scoring: referee Mike Cook, 46-44, Butler (Mike doesn't know how to use the 10-point "must" system); both judges for Baca, 60-56 and 60-54. Butler is handled by Champ Thomas, author of *How To Create A Super Fighter.*

Donnie Nelson, 220, Denver, halted Allen Loggins, 210, Colorado Springs, in the first round, heavies. The program was held at the Mammoth Gardens.

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Attendance—1,800 (est.).

(05-15-82)

MICHAEL KLAHR

ARGUELLO-GANIGAN
World Lightweight Title

LAS VEGAS—Alexis Arguello once again proved his mettle as a world class champion, as he retained his WBC lightweight title with a 5th round K.O. over number one contender Andrew Ganigan of Hawaii.

The knockoout came at 3:09 of the 5th in the scheduled 15-round title fight, which was the main event of a lengthy 7-bout card at the Aladdin Hotel's Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Arguello, 134¾, displayed the consummate skills that have made him a ring legend, as he came back from a first round knockdown to win the bout and retain his title. This was Arguello's fourth successful defense.

The game Andy Ganigan, 135, fought with all the heart and guts and strategy he could summon, but he was no match for the near-invincible Arguello, whose record is now 75-4 with 61 KO's.

Ganigan attempted to make the most of his southpaw strategy, and, in the first round, he managed to confuse the champion and send him to the canvas with two left hooks. (This was only the fourth time Arguello had ever been knocked down in 75 fights.)

But Arguello immediately got to his feet, and finished the final 30 seconds of the round in championship style.

As if to prove that the knockdown had done no damage, Arguello came on strong in the second round, and had Ganigan on the defensive for most of the session.

But Ganigan came out battling in the third round, and dealt Arguello a left to the midsection that buckled the champion's knees. But Arguello came right back, and staggered the contender with a series of blows: a sharp right, an uppercut, and another right to the head. Ganigan attempted to counter with punches of his own, but was pushed into the ropes by Arguello and punished with another series of hard blows.

The fourth round was an all-out war, with Arguello punching with lefts and rights and Ganigan punching back with combinations and uppercuts. The contender suffered a bloody nose during the round and began to show signs of weariness.

At the beginning of the fifth round, Ganigan, still hampered by a bloody nose, attempted a series of combinations; but his punches were weak, his legs were wobbly, and Arguello took full advantage. The champion backed Ganigan into his own corner and dealt him a lethal sequence of punches; a left hook to the head, a right to the body, another left to the head, and then a right as the Hawaiian was on the way to the canvas.

Ganigan hit the deck with a thud, and referee Carlos Padilla began the 10 count, which was still going on as the bell sounded. The count officially ended nine seconds after the end of the round.

After the bout, Arguello, the classic and victorious champion, stated: "I feel pretty good. The only damage I had in the fight was my hands. They hurt after every fight. And any time I hit my left hand hurts".

Arguello said that he was not worried about being knocked down in the first round. "It's no big deal," he declared. "Any fighter should be aware that he can be hit any time, any place. The trick is in being able to come back from a knockdown by being in top condition. I was ready—both mentally and physically—for this fight. And so I was able to get up immediately and go on to win the fight and keep my title. What the knockdown actually did was wake me up—and get me going!"

The ever-gracious Arguello then paid tribute to his beaten opponent, saying: "Andy Ganigan was really a tough opponent. He has a lot of ability, and he's more powerful than he seems. He hit me with some good right hands, and some strong punches to the midsection. I did a lot of training with southpaws to get ready for this fight, but Ganigan has his own style. It's weird—a style I've never seen before."

Arguello then spoke about his future, saying he planned to fight until the end of 1983 and then retire to spend more time with his family and concentrate on his business interests, which include a Florida-based travel agency and a Construction company, aptly named "Champion Building."

In the meantime, the champion's plans for his remaining ring career are ambitious, though indefinite.

In negotiation is a big money title bout against WBC featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez of Mexico. Arguello stated he would not fight a man of Sanchez's caliber for less than one and a half million dollars.

If the bout against Sanchez does not materialize, Arguello said he might go after a record fourth world championship against WBA junior welterweight champ Aaron Pryor.

Alexis Arguello is already one of only six fighters in boxing history to have held three different world titles. He was WBA featherweight champion and WBC super featherweight champ before moving up in weight class to become WBC lightweight king.

Arguello further stated that he would like to move up to the welterweight division, because "that's where the money is." "I have to make the money while I can. I've been fighting for 14 years, and there comes a time when you should quit".

Meanwhile, Arguello claimed, "I will fight any worthy contender who wants a bout with me. I'm a professional boxer. It's my job to fight anyone who wants to fight me!"

While Arguello basked in the joys of his victory, his beaten challenger, Andrew Ganigan, showed as much class as Arguello as he graciously met the press and stated, "He's a great champion. I hope he continues to go a long way."

Ganigan, visibly depressed, continued: "I was confident, but I don't think I was over-confident. I caught him moving back and off guard in the first round, and when he went down, I thought: "Here's a chance for me to become a champion!"

But he got up; and then I made some mistakes in strategy. My plan was to press him, but he was playing possum, so I played it cool and just boxed. But I found myself moving in the wrong direction. He hit me with some great shots to the body; and I was already hurt in the third round. If I fought him again, I would change my strategy and move in a different direction."

Ganigan was so dejected that he concluded: "Maybe I'll be back, and then again, maybe I'll just quit boxing and concentrate on being with my family."

Promoter Bob Arum, who was at Ganigan's side, gave the beaten fighter a boost as he said: "Andy Ganigan gave a better account of himself than most other fighters could against a talent like Alexis Arguello."

"It would be sad for boxing and sad for Andy if he quit the game now. Next time it will be a different story".

Richard Jiminez, 140, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Blevins, 140¼. Jiminez sent Blevins to the canvas in the fourth round and again in the fifth. Blevins eye was swollen shut from the fifth round on, but he gamely held on for the full ten rounds. Jiminez easily won the decision, despite having a point taken away in the 5th round for a low blow. Scoring: Duane Ford, 96-92; Alan Adler, 95-92; Hal Miller, 96-91. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

Undefeated Lupe Aquino, 146¾, boosted his record to 14-0 with a unanimous 8-round decision over Eddie Nuno, 155½. Scoring: judge Duane Ford, 80-72; Alan Adler, 79-74; Hal Miller: 78-74. Referee: Harry Krause.

Manuel Mendoza, 140, kayoed Larry Yazzie, 140½, in 0:49 of the sixth and final round. Referee: Glenn Powell.

Alejandro Quinnones, 135, took a unanimous six-round decision over Luis Palma, 135½. All three judges scored the bout 60-54. Referee: Glenn Powell.

A scheduled 8-round bout ended at 2:47 of the 4th, as Pedro Guerreo, 154, knocked out Nathan Dreyer, 155. Referee: Harry Krause.

George Crawford, 134½, scored a TKO over Mike Dominguez, 131½ at 2:23 of the fourth and final round. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

The Arguello-Ganigan title card was a presentation of Top Rank, Inc., in association with Las Vegas' Aladdin Hotel.

Attendance—1,949. Gross—$56,255.

(05-22-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

SERRANO-VILLABLANCA
World Junior Lightweight Title

SANTIAGO, CHILE—Samuel Serrano still seems to be the junior lightweight champion of the world.

The veteran champ from Puerto Rico held a comfortable points lead—five points on the card of referee Jesus Celis and four points on each of the two judges' (Stanley Berg and Harold Lederman) scorecards when his title bout with Chile's Benedicto Villablanca was

halted at the end of 10. The reason for this was a nasty cut Serrano sustained as the result of a butt.

Villablanca (who is, incidentally, the Latin American Boxing Federation champion) was at first declared the winner on a TKO, but Section 5.2 (b) of the World Boxing Association's Rules and Regulations Governing World Championship Contests says the result in such a case must be a technical decision—the victory going to the boxer ahead on the scorecards. The WBA therefore allowed Serrano's protest—and declared him "winner and still champion."

Justice was, for once, served by the WBA. And Serrano, the boring warrior, can go on his merry way—beating up the stiffs dug up for title shots by the WBA Ratings committee.

PINTOR-LEE
WBC Bantamweight Title

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Lupe Pintor, Mexico, retained his WBC bantamweight title by stopping Korean challenger Seung-Hoon Lee in the 11th round at the Olympic Auditorium.

Lupe, however, was decked in the fifth round by a right hand to the jaw. This was the fight's only knockdown, but Pintor was well in control when referee Rudy Jordan stopped the contest. Lee was bleeding from the nose in the seventh, and was cut over the right eye in the 10th.

The Korean, who lost for only the third time, proved to be a stronger opponent than most American fight experts had believed. Lee lost a disputed verdict to Venezuela's Rafael Orono for the WBC's vacant super flyweight crown on February 2, 1980.

(06-03-82)

BERBICK-PAGE

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—If Greg Page learned any lesson at all in the hot, humid cauldron that served as a ring in Las Vegas, he learned he was not Muhammad Ali. The lesson may one day make him a champ.

Page, 23, was raised in Louisville, Kentucky, hometown of Ali. Page walks on the same streets Ali walked upon, went to the same schools and knows many of the same people. Page even went into the same profession as Ali. And he has copied the former heavyweight champion right down to a right lead. There was only one Ali, however. At best, "The Greatest" can only be imitated, never duplicated. Hopefully, Page has learned this, and from now on will concentrate on being just Greg Page, "The Louisville Rage."

Few experts figured Page to lose to 29-year-old Trevor Berbick. Or to anyone else, for that matter. It was conceded that Page had the most natural ability in the division, more so than even Michael Dokes, who, despite his "Dynamite" nickname, is no dynamite puncher.

Berbick is the man trivia fans will remember as the man who ended Ali's career, winning a 10-round decision against the nearly 40-year-old former king of the heavyweights on December 11, 1981. He is also the man those same trivia fans will remember as the only one of twelve challengers ever to last the distance against Larry Holmes, doing so in April, 1981. Yet, Page wasn't worried about his 20th professional opponent.

"I've seen tapes of the Berbick-Holmes fight 200-300 times. There should be no surprises."

Perhaps Page should have watched the tape 200-300 more times. Or maybe, he shouldn't have watched the tape at all.

In the Caesars Palace restaurant the morning of the fight, Berbick's trainer, Sam Solomon, explained what his contender's fight plan would be.

"We intend to keep the pressure on," revealed the rotund, always-smiling veteran. "We're gonna neutralize Page's jab with lots of right hands. The more we throw, the more he'll be thinking 'Keep your left up Greg. Keep your left up.' When he dances, Trevor is gonna be right on top of him. Page can outbox anybody if you let him. He can probably outbox Berbick. But I'm sure he can't outfight him."

Solomon was right. At the opening bell he urged Berbick to "Make him fight and he's yours." Unlike so many of today's fighters—who act as if the trainer is there only to tell them what round is coming up—Berbick listened to everything Solomon told him.

Page began his Ali act as early as the first round. Up on his toes, Page bounced around the humidity-slick canvas, hands dangling at his side, flicking an occasional jab and pulling away from Berbick's shots. At 221½ pounds, he was at his lightest as a pro. In past fights, he had weighed anywhere from 230-240 pounds. Against Berbick he looked trim and ready to begin his final push towards a heavyweight title shot. A few months earlier, Page had requested the WBC to drop him a notch from the number two slot in their ratings. He said the reason for the request was because "I still feel I'm learning my trade and don't want to fight for the title until 1983. Give me three more fights or so and then I'll be champ."

Page learned a lot about himself in the second round, as did the entire boxing community. Hurt by a right, Page backed into his own corner. Berbick pressed forward. He unleashed a volley of punches at Page's head. A hard left hook slammed into Page's jaw, sending his mouthpiece into the press section. Page sagged. Berbick let both hands fly. "The Louisville Rage" took several of those punches flush on the chin. Then, somehow, he pulled himself upright and began to fight back. The boxing world was sure of one thing—Page has one helluva chin.

He danced to midring as Berbick followed, looking for the knockout. As the two were mixing it up, a hard Page jab slammed into Berbick's right eye. Berbick stopped in his tracks and grabbed the eye. He had been thumbed. Not intentionally, but thumbed nevertheless. It's just the way Page throws his jab—with a semi-open glove. He has thumbed opponents before. Ask Stan Ward. Ask Leroy Boone. Ask George Chaplin. Berbick stepped back, clutched at his eye, then gritted his teeth, dug in and fought harder than before.

For the remainder of the fight, the pattern never varied. Page moved and Berbick pursued. Page had anxious moments in the fifth, when he was staggered by a long right to the chin, and in the sixth, when a powerful right to the midsection sent him in agony on the ropes.

As the fight progressed, Berbick became stronger. Page was having trouble landing his jab, and looked as if he might not last the distance against the bull-necked Berbick.

In the final round, Berbick, 218, landed another of his crushing hooks to the chin again, knocking out Page's mouthpiece. At the end, both fighters threw up their hands victoriously. Page did it almost on instinct. Berbick did it because he knew he had won. The decision was unanimous. Page is now 19-1, Berbick 21-2-1. *Ring's* International Rating's Panel thought so much of his performance that they selected Berbick as the number three heavyweight contender—behind only Mike Weaver and Michael Dokes.

As for Page, who broke a bone on his right hand in round two, the future is still his. It's not as if he failed miserably. But when an honor student such as Page does not emerge from a course with straight A's, that's news.

Hopefully, he learned more about himself and more about boxing than he had ever learned before. If he did, the championship will be his one day. If not, he's doomed to boxing anonymity, to become just another contender who will grow old and one day tell his grandchildren, "I coulda' been champ."

GOMEZ-LOPEZ
World Junior Featherweight Title

Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Gomez retained his WBC super bantamweight title with a 10th round kayo over Juan Antonio Lopez, the WBC's fourth ranked contender. Lopez was ranked 18th by *The Ring* International Ratings Panel.

It was Gomez's 16th successful title defense, and the semi-main attraction on the Holmes-Cooney card, held in Caesars Palace Outdoor Sports Pavilion.

Gomez, 121¾, controlled the fight in every round except the fifth, when Lopez, 121, Mexico, scored well with lefts.

Still, Gomez did not look like the fighter he was before suffering his only loss to featherweight king Salvador Sanchez last August. Wilfredo didn't have the swooping overhand right or the crisp straight blow that characterized him in his pre-Sanchez days.

But what Gomez did have—raw skill and a ton of heart—was

enough to keep Lopez on the defensive for most of the bout.

The first punches Gomez threw, a left-right combo early in round one, sent Lopez to the canvas. Jose quickly rose, but was immediately hit by an overhand right and left uppercut, and fell again.

Lopez began to connect with lefts and rights to the champ's head in the second, but Gomez effectively countered by digging into Lopez's midsection.

In the third round, Lopez lunged at Gomez, landing several punches to the chin. Gomez responded with a left to the midsection and drove the challenger to the ropes with continuous punches.

In the fourth frame, Gomez turned to his specialties—uppercuts and overhand rights. Lopez countered with a series of lefts and rights, and this pattern continued throughout the fifth and sixth.

Lopez was visibly tired by the seventh. He led off that round with a series of lefts, but then absorbed a cluster of straight shots to the head from Gomez. The fighters tied up in a clinch and Gomez dug into his opponent's body—landing a stray shot after the bell.

In the eighth frame, Gomez was in complete command. He forced Lopez to the ropes and pummeled him with lefts to the midsection and rights to the chin.

Gomez told his corner before round nine that Lopez would not last that session. But, Gomez continually landed on the challenger, and staggered him with a left-right combo midway through the round, Lopez was not kayoed—or even decked.

It took Wilfredo exactly one minute and two seconds more than predicted to accomplish his goal. A left to the ribs sent Lopez gasping to the canvas. Jose immediately rose to one knee, but he got no higher, and referee David Pearl counted him out.

"Gomez hurt my ribs in the fourth," Lopez explained, "and I couldn't follow through with my left after that." Jose was in such pain that he was taken to the hospital on a stretcher for precautionary x-rays.

Gomez is now 36-1-1, with all of his victories by knockouts.

Wilfredo and his physician, Dr. Dwight Santiago, both cited the champ's new rigorous training methods for his easy victory. "The loss to Sanchez taught Wilfredo a good, positive lesson," Santiago said. "He now knows the importance of constant conditioning." Gomez has had five impressive kayo wins since his defeat by Sanchez.

Santiago added that Gomez's next opponent would be WBC bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor. Gomez is also interested in fighting Roberto Rubaldino, who backed out of the June 11 bout to give Lopez his shot. He would also like a return bout with Sanchez.

"This time," beamed Wilfredo, "the results will be different."

DAVIS-SUTHERLAND
USBA Light Heavyweight Title

Freeport, New York's Eddie Davis, 173¾, won the United States Boxing Association's light heavyweight title by stopping Edinburgh-born Murray Sutherland, 173, Bay City, Mich., the defending champ, at 2:50 of round six in their scheduled 12. Richard Green, referee.

Davis, who sustained a cut left eyebrow, floored the Scotsman three times in that sixth frame for an automatic stoppage.

TILLIS-SHAVERS

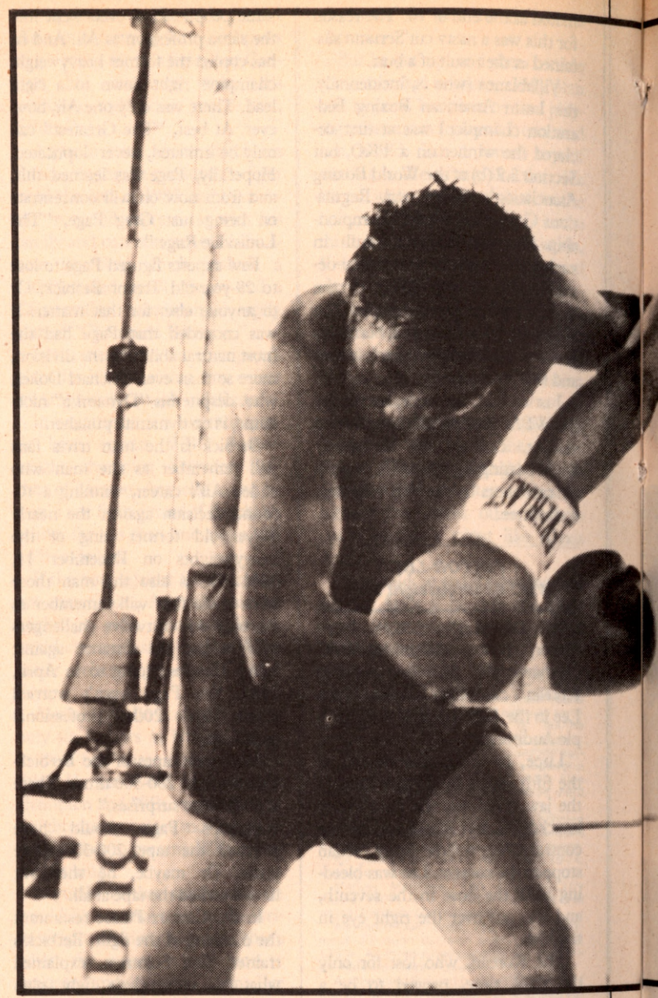
James (Quick) Tillis, 217, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Earnie Shavers, 209½, after Shavers nearly kayoed him in the ninth.

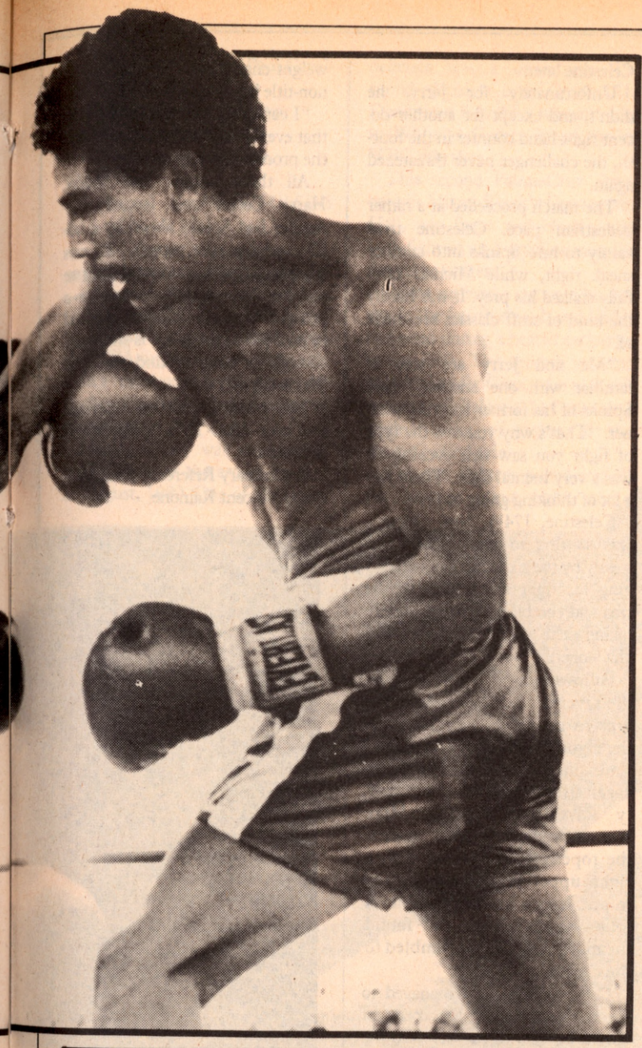
The bout was on the undercard of the June 11th Cooney-Holmes fight, and the decision was roundly booed by the 32,000 in attendance.

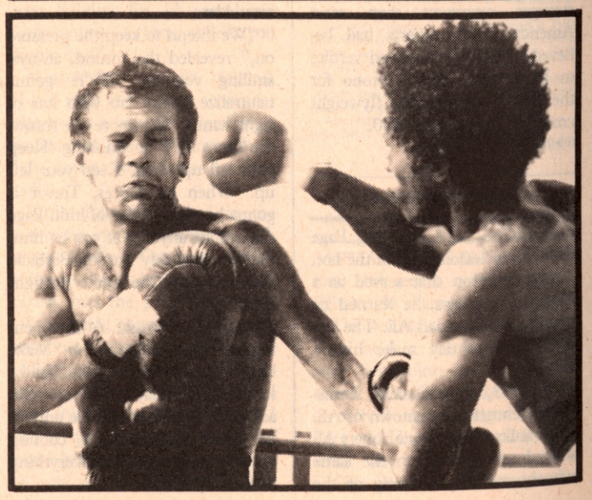
Shavers looked amazingly agile for a man reputedly older than the 37 he claims. The younger Tillis, however, was much swifter, and scored repeatedly with flicking jabs and rapid combinations.

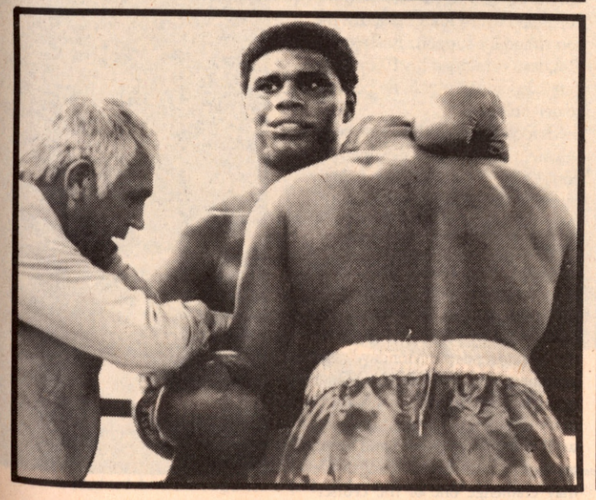
Early in the bout, Shavers won points with his famed power. He staggered Tillis with a hard right at the bell ending the second round. Then, in the third, he again staggered the younger Tillis with a series of three devastating rights.

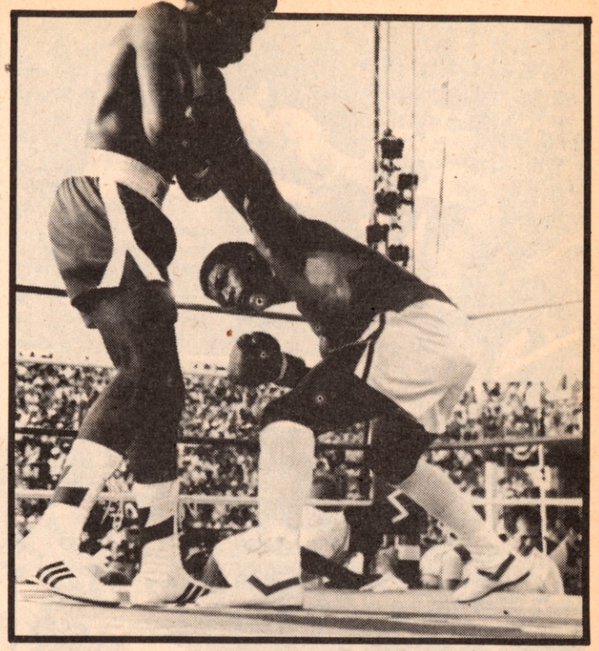
Shavers lost a point in the third, however, when referee Joey Curtis saw fit to take a point away from the veteran for consistently low blows.











PHOTOS BY JACK GOODMAN

Juan Antonio Lopez (left), Murray Sutherland (below left) and Greg Page (above right) all taste leather on their way to defeat in Las Vegas. James Tillis looks bored (below right) on his way to a decision against Earnie Shavers.

In the fourth, Tillis, realizing he had been careless, established his own attack. He maneuvered Shavers to the ropes and constantly slugged and punched him.

It was all Tillis from then until the ninth round. Shavers, who had eye surgery last year, appeared to be covering up constantly to protect his eye from further injury. The veteran fighter employed his familiar crouching style—bobbing and weaving—to stay away from the "quick" punches of Tillis.

Late in the ninth, Shavers floored Tillis with a powerful roundhouse right. Tillis fell hard, and was not up until the count of eight. Tillis and Shavers clinched for the remainder of the round.

Tillis regained his senses and aggressiveness in the 10th. He battered Shavers with left hands—staggering him into the ropes—and opened a bloody cut above the veteran's right eye.

The scoring at the end of the bout was: judge Lou Tabat, 96-92; judge Charles Minker, 97-91; and judge Herb Santos, 96-92—all for Tillis. The crowd felt Shavers deserved better and gave the old favorite a rousing ovation when he left the ring.

Afterwards, Tillis, now 22-1, said, "I have never faced a harder puncher. I'm glad I can take a punch."

His trainer, Angelo Dundee, stated, "We knew Shavers would try a lot of dirty tricks. It was a good test for Tillis."

Shavers, now possibly facing retirement, refused to speak to anyone.

Tony Santana, 129, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Chino Cruz, also 129, 10. Santana opened a serious cut over his opponent's left eye enroute to his decisive victory. Scoring: Hal Miller, 99-91; Dalby Shirley, 98-92; Paul Smith, 100-90. Carlos Padilla, referee. Santana is now 17-0.

Willie Edwards, 175½, won a unanimous decision over Jeff Lampkin, 174½, 10. Scoring: Charles Minker and Paul Smith, both 97-93; Hal Miller, 98-92. Ferd Hernandez, referee. Edwards is now 13-0 with 10 kayoes. Lampkin is 16-1 with 15 knockouts.

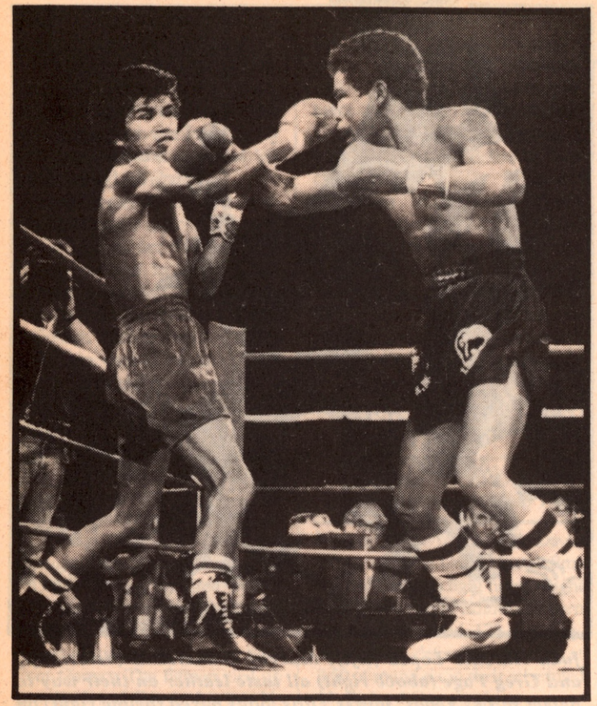
Mark Holmes, 161¼, TKO'd Billy Page, 157¼, who was unable to answer the bell for round four of their scheduled eight. Harry Krause, referee. Holmes is now 21-0.

Mitchell Green, 217, won a unanimous decision over Walter Santemore, 226, six. Scoring: Dave Moretti, 60-54; Jerry Roth, 59-55; Lou Tabat, 58-57. Richard Green, referee.

Vince Costello, 131¼, Cooney's stablemate, won a unanimous decision over Saul Meyran, 130, Los Angeles, four. Scoring: Herb Santos, 40-36; Lou Tabat and Larry Clark, both 39-37. Glenn Powell, referee.

Jeff Stoudemire, 160½, won a unanimous nod over Harry Truman, 158½, four. Scoring: Paul Smith, 39-36; Larry Clark and Dalby Shirley, both 40-35. Glenn Powell, referee. This was Stoudemire's seventh fight, and Truman's fourth.

The Holmes-Cooney WBC heavyweight



title card, featuring 11 bouts and a scheduled 104 rounds of boxing, was a presentation of Don King Productions and Tiffany Promotions, in association with Caesars Palace.
(06-11-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

SPINKS-CELESTINE
WBA Light Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Every eight weeks or so, WBA light heavyweight champion Michael Spinks climbs into the ring at the Playboy Hotel Casino and belts out a mediocre challenger. The script never varies, only the loser's face. It's not Spinks' fault that the division is practically bankrupt, but he's suffering, not only at the pay window, but in the ring as well. Unless Mike has a serious fight soon, he runs the risk of lowering himself to his competitor's level. Despite his continued success, Spinks has yet to realize his unlimited potential.

This time, Jerry Celestine had the dubious distinction of playing straight-man. He is another in that seemingly endless line of ex cons who have found their salvation through the "sweet science". Jerry has paid his dues and probably deserved the shot as much as anybody else around. His predictable exit at 1:58 of the eighth put paid to what could be charitably called an "interesting" contest. If you were looking for thrills, the blackjack tables downstairs were a better bet.

A clash of heads in the feel-em-out first opened a small cut in the corner of Spinks' left eye. It was no big deal, however, and never became a factor in the fight.

Spinks, 173¼, continued his low key pressure in the second, working behind his jab, looking for an opening for his "Spinks Jinxs". At this point nothing much was happening and nobody really hurt.

In the third, Celestine provided the only surprise of the afternoon when he caught Michael walking in with a wicked counter-right over the champ's jab. The punch stunned Spinks, sending him stumbling backwards across the ring.

"I got lax a couple of times," admitted Spinks. "He caught me with that dynamite right hand he has and it shook me up."

For a fleeting moment, it looked like Celestine might have a chance to finish him, but the moments passed quickly and Spinks boxed his way to safety.

"I felt that if I had caught him with another clean shot, I would have stopped him," lamented Celestine later.

Unfortunately for Jerry, he didn't, and except for another decent right-hand counter in the fourth, the challenger never threatened again.

The match proceeded at a rather pedestrian pace. Celestine tried vainly to lure Spinks into another sneak right, while Michael carefully stalked his prey. It was hardly the kind of stuff classics are made of.

"Me and Jerry are sort of familiar with one another," said Spinks of his former sparring partner. "That's why you saw the type of fight you saw this evening. It was a very mental fight. There was a lot of thinking going on."

Celestine, 174½, New Orleans, was starting to look a little unsteady by the sixth. Spinks was digging his right underneath to the ribs and the blows were obviously taking their toll on the 30-year-old challenger.

Following more of the same in the seventh, Spinks seemed anxious to get things over with in the eighth. He opened up, sometimes lunging off-balance in an eager attempt to corner his crafty adversary. Finally, Mike maneuvered Celestine against the ropes and connected with a right uppercut that threatened to put Jerry's head into orbit. A follow-up left hook also found the mark as Celestine tumbled to the canvas.

Celestine somehow managed to lurch to his feet at the count of seven, but staggered back into the ropes and rested his arms across the top strand for support. Referee Jim Rondeau continued his 10-count as Jerry was apparently in no position to defend himself.

"I took a good shot and went down," conceded Celestine. "I could have continued, but I don't question the referee's judgement. I guess he saw me better than I saw myself."

Spinks' search for a meaningful match started anew at the post-fight postmortem.

"I'll be sending out telegrams to the Braxton people Monday," said promoter Butch Lewis. "Once again, it's my old song—we want to unify. If they continue to duck us, we'll continue to defend and go on to higher and better things. We may challenge one of the cruiserweight champions. We may take a non-title heavyweight bout."

"I can grow into the fattest man that ever lived," joked Mike before the proceedings adjourned.

All three judges, Eva Shain, Harry Cecini and Ismael Fernandez had Spinks ahead by a 68-65 margin after seven. It was Michael's fourth successful defense and his 20th straight victory as a pro (16 kayoes). Celestine slipped to 26-7 (20 kayoes), but is still good enough to hang around the Top Ten, such as it is.

The main event was televised live over ABC-TV's Wide World of Sports.

Preliminary Referees—Paul Venti and Vincent Rainone.

Preliminary Judges—Paul Cavaliere and Sam Sanghis.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Promoter—Butch Lewis.

Attendance—1,200 (est.).

(06-12-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

CRUZ-PALMA
WBA Junior Featherweight Title

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Leo Cruz, in his third attempt, finally won the WBA junior featherweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Sergio Palma of Argentina.

Palma, 121¾, was making his sixth defense of the crown he won in August, 1980. One of his earlier defenses was a unanimous 15-round decision over Cruz, 121, Dominican Republic, who also lost to Wilfredo Gomez in an earlier WBC title shot.

This second Palma-Cruz fight, held in Miami Beach's Convention Hall, was fierce and bloody, and both fighters set a grueling pace for the entire contest.

Palma suffered a cut over his left eye in the fourth round, and had it reopened during a heated exchange in the sixth. The seventh was the best session for Cruz, who took advantage of Palma's bad eye and landed a lot of rights to the champ's blind side.

The two fighters pulled out all the stops in round eight, and blasted away non-stop. They kept this pace up till the 11th, when Cruz again began to dominate—something he did for the remainder of the fight.

Palma scored with a solid right to start the 14th, but Cruz rallied to take the round. In the 15th, Palma butted Cruz, opening a cut over his right eye, but failed to score the kayo needed for victory.

The scoring was as follows: referee Stanley Christodoulou (South Africa), 147-144; judge Luis Rodriguez (Venezuela), 146-143; judge Antonio Riqueno (Venezuela), 149-140.

Cruz is now 38-5-2. Palma, whose loss mirrored that of his country's in the Falklands, is 48-4-4.

Victor Callejas, 124¾, Puerto Rico, kayoed Fernando Sagredo, 125, Chile, with a right to the head in 0:36 of the second in a scheduled 10.

Steve Whetstone, 114, Homestead, won a unanimous decision over highly touted Donald Mays, 112½, Ft. Myers, eight. Whetstone is now 22-2. This was Mays' first defeat.

Larry Byrd, 147, Miami, kayoed Dario DeJesus, also 147, Puerto Rico, in 2:45 of round five in a scheduled six. Bernie Soto, referee.

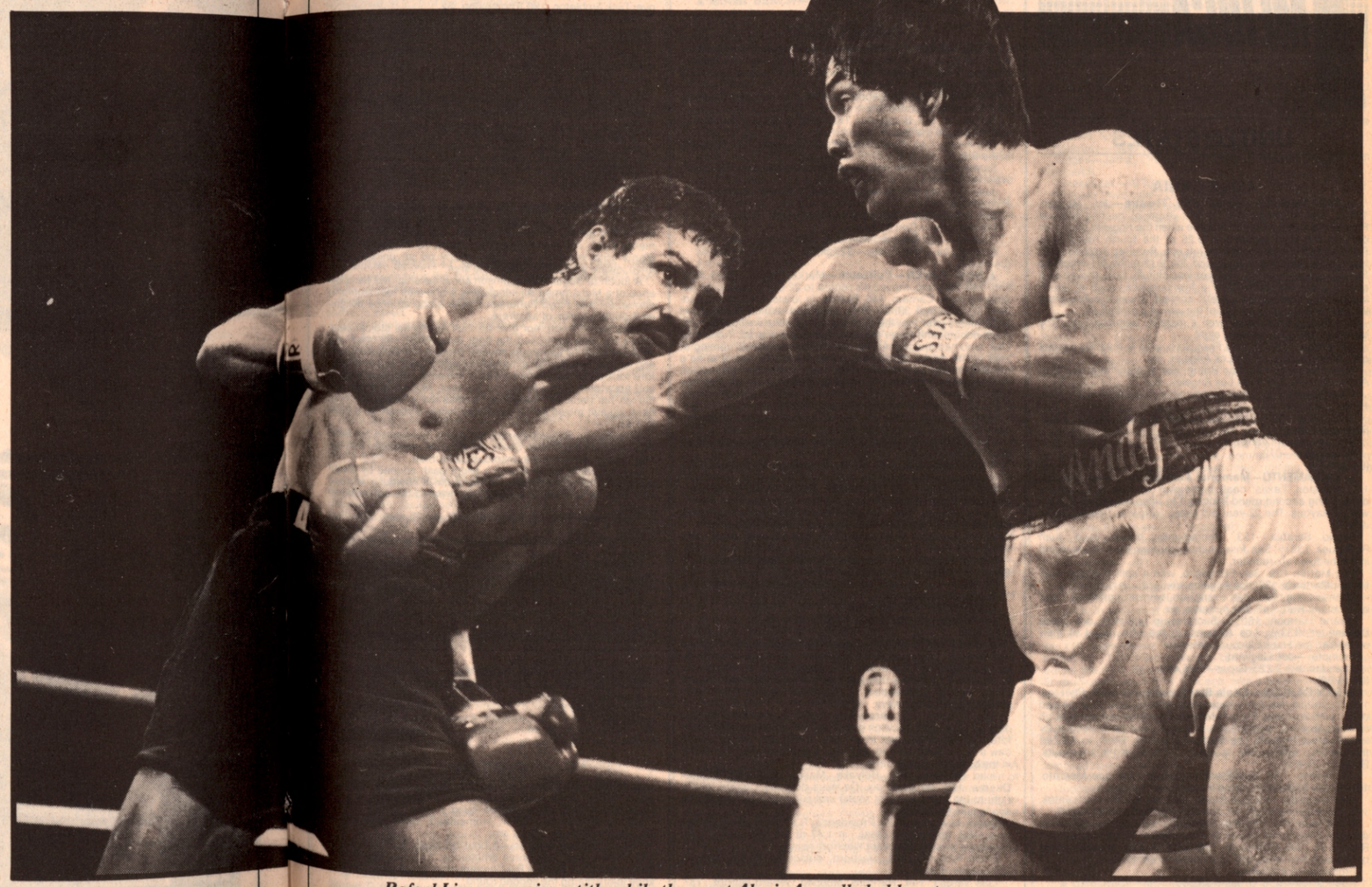
Jean Pierre Dawe, 157, Montreal, outscored Danny Alexander, 160, Belle Glade, four.

Danny Sanchez, 142, Miami, kayoed Anthony McPhearson, 143, Miami, in 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Danny Butler, 142, Miami, TKO'd David Lipson, 139, Homestead, at 2:10 of round three in the scheduled four-round opener. Bill Conners, referee.

Promoted by Chris Dundee and Bob Arum.
Matchmaker—Romiro Oritz.
Attendance—1,650.
(06-12-82)

LOUIS ZIPKIN



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Rafael Limon regains a title while the great Alexis Arguello holds onto one.

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲ **SAN CARLOS—Circle Star Theatre—**Jeff Morgan, 157¾, Los Angeles, was on the verge of beating hapless Pascual Ramirez, 159, into a puree when the ringside physician ordered the bout stopped at 0:25 of the fourth round after Ramirez had been cut over the left eye. Ramirez, from Fresno, had not fought in over a year, and, the truth is, he did almost no fighting against Morgan. Ramirez was pitifully slow, moved as if on crutches, and threw only a few punches, none of which landed. This was not an athletic contest, it was a public beating. Ramirez couldn't get out of the way of a parked car.

Lee Burkey, 181, Reno, won a majority decision over Troy Vaughan, 178, Los Angeles, eight.

J.T. Walker, 130¼, San Francisco, won a majority verdict over Mike Anderson, 132, Los Angeles, six.

Sonny Naupoto, 143, San Bruno, won a unanimous nod over Alvaro Granillo, 142, East Los Angeles, five.

Fred Ealom, 170½, San Francisco, outpointed Tim Thomas, 178¼, L.A., five.

Sam Turner, 160, Daly City, outscored Tony Lopez, 156½, Sebastopol, four.

Promoter—Leni Vanisi.

Attendance—672.

(04-09-82)

▲ **SACRAMENTO—Memorial Auditorium—**Steve Hearon, 142, Houston, Texas, dealt hometown favorite Sal Lopez a devastating second round knockout to raise his record to 19-3 with 16 kayoes. The 22-year-old Lopez, who was floored twice, is 23-3.

Sergio Sarabia, 133, Sacramento, halted Jose Juan Rodriguez, 132½, San Jose, midway through the second round in a scheduled six-rounder.

Eric Martin, 129, San Francisco, won a split decision over Hector Martinez, 130, Los Angeles, six.

Alfonso Long, 148, San Francisco, won a unanimous duke over Leland Hart, 147, Sacramento, six.

Roland Harmon, 130½, Sacramento, knocked out Jesse Dominguez, 133½, Los Angeles, in the fifth round of their scheduled six. Hank Elespuru, referee.

Promoter—Joe Gagliardi.

Attendance—3,225. Gross—$26,480.

(04-13-82)

▲ **SAN CARLOS—Circle Star Theatre—**Greg McPherson, 175, Cupterino, wouldn't know what finesse was if he tripped over it with both feet. Fortunately, McPherson hits hard enough to overcome his woeful lack of polish, and he proved it by knocking out Rocking Lee Burkey, also 175, Reno, in 1:47 of the second. McPherson is now 17-9 with eight knockouts. Burkey is 26-8-1.

J.T. Walker, 130, San Francisco, TKO'd Enrique Mercato, 132½, Los Angeles, in round three of a scheduled six.

Sani Naupoto, 145, San Bruno, stopped Aurelio Barrcentos, 146, Los Angeles, in the second round of their scheduled six.

David Marcello, 150, San Francisco, was given a technical decision after three rounds of a scheduled six against Everett Ryan, 151, San Francisco. Marcello, ahead on points, was butted over both eyes and was unable to continue.

Promoter—Leni Venesi.

Attendance—558. Gross—$5,580.

(04-13-82)

▲ **SAN FRANCISCO—Civic Auditorium—**The good news is that it was a great night for the local fighters. The bad news is that the promoter, Ringside Boxing, Inc., took a dreadful beating at the box office, with less than 400 customers showing up.

Manny Hernandez, 132½, Oakland, raised his pro record to 8-0 with a unanimous decision over tough Benny Silva, 128½, Tijuana, eight.

Johnny Nava, 159, Pacifica, easily knocked out Paul Jones, 165, Sacramento, in the second round of a scheduled six. Nava, who'd won a split decision over Jones in a previous contest, is now 8-0 with seven kayoes.

Five-rounders: Jose Juan Rodriguez, 132, San Jose, won a split decision over Rafael Garcia, 128½, San Jose. Mike Hutchinson, 160, Oakland, won a unanimous verdict over Alfredo Santana, 165, Oakland. Sammy Turner, 159, San Francisco, won a split decision over former kick boxer Ingals Heitman, 159½, Santa Rosa, in a spirited fight that saw Heitman decked twice.

(05-13-82)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

CONNECTICUT

▲ **BRIDGEPORT—Holiday Inn Ballroom—**Former Conn. AAU heavyweight champion Scott Lukachik, 204, Bridgeport, stopped Diego Robinson, 184, Easton, Pa., in the second round of a slated eight.

Billy White, 153, Bridgeport, and southpaw Robert Thomas, 154, Philadelphia, drew, six.

Don Miller, 158, Bridgeport, TKO'd Randy Davio, 156, Springfield, Mass., in the fourth.

Ken Keyes, 140, Philly, halted Eddie DeJesus, 137, Norwalk, in the first.

Sammy Young, 144, Albany, stopped Kenny Jones, 139, Norwalk, in the first.

Juan Ocasio, 127, Bridgeport, TKO'd Shakir Hossian, 125, Philly, in the first.

BEL Enterprises/Championship Promotions.

Matchmaker—Carl Tallarita.

Officials—Lou Bogash, Walt Longo, Bob Muravnick.

Attendance—424. Gross—$27,560.

(04-16-82)

▲ **NEW HAVEN—Coliseum—**Marlon (Magic Man) Starling, 149, Hartford, moved his record to 22-0 (14 kayoes) by destroying Ricky Camaro, 146, Boston, in round three of a scheduled 10. Channel 30, an area television station, announced three nights later that the third round had gone well beyond the three-minute limit when the kayo had been scored. Timer Lou Dell, who had announced the 10-count knockout as coming at 2:42 of the round, admitted after timing the TV film that he'd made an "honest mistake." He said he wears glasses to counteract far sightedness, and had slipped them off and misread his timer's watch. The knockout actually occurred at 3:42

Camaro, a sub, announced he was retiring.

Herb Darity, 143, Hartford, won a split decision over Roberto Hernandez, 141, Santo Domingo, eight.

Ken Schmidt, 201, Hamden, halted Andy Russell, 206, Portland, Maine, in three.

Wilbur Henderson, 162, Hartford, stopped Mike Grant, 161, Philadelphia, in the second.

Dick Embleton, 195, Thomaston, TKO'd Frank Rocco, 180, Pittsfield, Mass., in three.

Jamie Medina, 149, Holyoke, Mass., and Jorge Ruiz, 146, Hamden, drew, four. The crowd leaned toward Medina.

Tyrone Booze, 178, Hartford, outscored Jimmy Allen, 175, Bridgeport, four.

Robert Folley, 178, Hartford, halted Eddie Phillips, 177, Stamford, with three knockdowns in the first.

Officials—Lou Bogash, Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.

Sundance Enterprises.

Matchmaker—Carl Tallarita.

Attendance—2,185. Gross—$25, 775.

(04-23-82)

▲ **WEST HARTFORD—Agora Ballroom—**New England welterweight champion Papo Figueroa, 144, Hartford, outscored Cesar Guzman, Paterson, N.J., eight. Papo is now 20-2-3. Guzman is 12-4. Styles make fights, and this match was not exciting. Former Connecticut Lt. Governor Robert Killian was among Figueroa's rooters

Jose Fuentes, 152, Jersey City, made his pro debut by winning an upset split decision over Chi Chi Hernandez, 153, Hartford, six. Twice stunned in the first round, the Jersey southpaw's faster reflexes and aggressiveness prevailed thereafter in the best bout on the card.

Julio DeJesus, 130, Holyoke, Mass., outpointed Manuel Dearce, 129, Hartford, six. DeJesus dropped Dearce with a right to the jaw in the first round and survived a cut along one eye to take the verdict.

Danny Macaruso, 178, Providence, R.I., knocked out James Levy, 168, Springfield, Mass., in 1:47 of the first round. Levy claimed a twisted knee kept him from rising.

Elliott Williams, 154, Hartford, outscored Pedro Rosario, 157, Hartford, four.

Luis Vargas, 144, Hartford, stopped Genaro Burgos, 137, Hartford, at 2:08 of the fourth.

Officials—Walt Longo, Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.

Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.

Knockdown Timer/Announcer—Lou Dell.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Steven M. Stein.

Promoter—John Mazzarella/Sports Promotions.

Matchmaker—Vincent Datro.

Attendance—350 (est.).

Gross—$3,500 (est.).

Note: The Agora Ballroom was formerly Stage West.

(05-18-82)

▲ **BRIDGEPORT—Wonderland of Ice—**Charlie Vanderhall, 197, Fairfield, got up off the deck in the second to stop sub Ralph Cuomo, 204, Bayside, New York, in round three of a slated eight. Stunned again late in the second, Vanderhall dropped his foe with a right to the body in the next frame. Cuomo beat the 10-count, but referee Lou Bogash ruled that he could not continue.

Bobby Thompson, 154, White Plains, New York, outpointed Billy White, also 154, Bridgeport, six.

"Irish" Jimmy Finn, 192, Bridgeport, won a split decision over Dick Embleton, 190, Thomaston, six.

Mike Costello, 168, Stratford, kayoed Willie Jackson, 178, Hempstead, New York, in the first round. Costello dropped his rival twice.

Jimmy Allen, 178, Stratford, and Jim Eaton, 177, Far Rockaway, New York, drew, four.

Juan Ocasio, 127, Bridgeport, outpointed Mujahid Muhammad, 128, Hempstead, New York, four.

Jose Vera, 147, Bridgeport, TKO'd Al Shabazz, 146, Seymour, in the second round of their scheduled four.

Officials—Lou Bogash, Walt Longo, Bob Muravnick.

Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.

Announcer—Rod Michaud.

Nutmeg Sports Promotions.

Attendance—222.

Gross—$3,215.

(06-04-82)

▲ **HARTFORD—Civic Center Coliseum—**Marlon Starling, 148, Hartford, displayed more than his usual showcase histrionics before he destroyed Babs McCarthy, 147, Sacramento, Calif., in the ninth round of a slated 10. It was the Magic Man's 15th knockout and 23rd victory on an uninterrupted drive toward a hoped-for world title shot.

A touch of Sugar Ray Robinson showmanship, the flamboyance of a Muhammad Ali—including a one-step foot-stomping pirouette—and Floyd Patterson's peek-a-boo defense delighted Starling's legion of admirers.

Babs didn't flinch, nor give an inch during his stoical setto with a foe who controlled the fight throughout. His head was snapped back by uppercuts several times in the earlier rounds, and he was dropped for a mandatory eight-count in the fifth before rock-a-bye baby time arrived in the ninth. His eyes glazed, and apparently knocked out on his feet, McCarthy finally fell flat on his back as "Moochie" unleashed a fearsome right hand assault mixed with a two-fisted follow through for a kayo in 0:44.

Referee Lou Bogash started the count, but waved his arms and signalled Dr. Steven Stein, the ringside physician, into the ring to help revive the unconscious Californian.

Starling came out of it with a slight gash opened by a butt alongside his right eye early in the sixth. It obviously worried him until his handler, F. MacBuckley, treated the cut between rounds.

Herb Darity, 141, Hartford, TKO'd Derek Cuttino, 138, East Orange, N.J., in three.

Wilbur Henderson, 162, Hartford, knocked out Bobby (D.C.) Walker, 161, New Haven, in the first one.

Tyrone Booze, 177, Hartford, won a majority decision over Robert Folley, 176, Hartford, four.

Zora Folley, Jr., 157, Hartford, won a unanimous decision over Donnie Miller, 158, Bridgeport, four.

Troy Wortham, 135, Hartford, kayoed Larry Smith, 134, Hartford, in 0:21 of the first.

Officials—Walt Longo, Lou Bogash, Bob Muravnick.

Timekeeper—Lou Dell.

Announcer—Bob Steele.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Steven Stein.

Championship Promotions (Lou Tallarita).

Attendance—1,960.

Gross—$24,785.

(06-05-82)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall—**Johnny De La Rosa, 129½, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Al Fowler, 129, St. Louis, Mo., at 2:23 of the second round.

Kenny Whetstone, 157¼, Homestead, decisioned Reyes Escalera, 160, Puerto Rico, ten.

The scheduled eight round bout between Jose De Jesus, 117, Puerto Rico, and Steve Whetstone, 115, was declared a "no contest" by referee Bill Conners after De Jesus suffered a knee injury during the second round.

Danny Jackson, 192, Puerto Rico, undefeated in ten bouts,

TKO'd Rashid Muhammad, 202, Kansas City, Mo., in five.
George Prendes, 127½, Miami, decisioned Luis Urraca, 131, Miami, six.
Dexter, 143, Homestead, won a split decision over Raul Hernandez, 145, Cuba, five.
Juan Figueroa, 129, Miami, kayoed Al Albuerne, 128½, Miami, at 2:36 of round one.
Joe Medina, 142, Miami, TKO'd David Lipson, 140, Homestead, in six.
(04-16-82)

▲ **FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium—**Irish Mutt Daniels, 161½, Fernandina Beach, kayoed Al Cook, 157½, Ft. Lauderdale, at 2:47 of the fourth round.
Braulio Santiesteban, 133½, Miami, kayoed Eli Conlon, 138, Homestead, at 1:23 of the first round of a scheduled six.
Danny Sanchez, 142½, Homestead, TKO'd Bo Whymms, 137½, Miami, in six.
Art Johnson, 144, Ft. Lauderdale, won a split decision over Van Jackson, 143, Ft. Lauderdale, six.
Jerry Cambell, 119, Miami, kayoed Mitchell Thomas, 118½, Homestead, at 2:20 of the opening round.
Kevin McKinney, 161, TKO'd previously undefeated Pete Tremeterra, 161½, Coral Springs, in the first round.
Billy Cunningham, 157, Miami, decisioned Ralph Auriemmo, 150, Ft. Lauderdale, four.
Andy Maxwell, 160, Miami, kayoed Jack Coley, 162½, Miami, with heavy body shots at 1:49 of the third round.
(04-23-82)

▲ **HIALEAH—Milander Auditorium—**In the feature event, Pedro Lazo, 135, decisioned Jo Jo Virgil, 135, Savannah, Ga., ten.
Eddie Flanners, 149, Savannah, Ga., won a split decision over Jose Ribalta, 146, Miami, six.
Jose Perez, 168, Miami, kayoed Anthony Phillips, 173, Savannah, Ga., at 1:52 of the third round of a scheduled eight.
Jesus Sanchez, 135, Miami, drew Luis Fernandez, 139, Miami, six.
Lazaro Gonzalez, 128, Miami, scored an upset by defeating Ray Dennis, 130, Ft. Lauderdale, six.
Miguel Jiminez, 147, Miami, decisioned Dave Lipscomb, 142, Homestead, four.
(04-23-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall—**Jose Caba, flash feather-weight from the Dominican Republic, decisioned previously undefeated Jackie Beard, 128, 10.
Isidoro Moreno, 143, Miami, TKO'd Manuel De Jesus, 145, Miami, in seven.
Steve Whetstone, 114, Homestead, TKO'd Jose De Jesus, 116½, Miami, in four.
Donald Bowers, 158, Detroit, Mich., kayoed Carlton Brown, 160, Miami, in the first round of a scheduled six.
Dexter Smith, 140, Homestead, drew Fernando Martinez, 140, Miami, six.
Luis Urraca, 128, Miami, TKO'd Louis Colston, 128, Miami in three.
Larry Byrd, 146, Miami, TKO'd Tony Torres, 147, Miami, in three.
Juan Figueroa, 129, Miami, TKO'd Gavilan Gonzalez, 128, Miami in six.
(05-01-82)

▲ **FT. LAUDERDALE—WAR Memorial Auditorium—**Mutt Daniels, 162, Fernando Beach, decisioned veteran Rocky Stevens, 164, Jacksonville, six.
Juan Arroyo, 136½, Miami, TKO'd Ortha Wright, 138, New Smyra Beach, in four.
Willie Wiggins, 146, Belle Glade, drew Archie Crews, 147, Orlando, six.
Jerry Cambell, 118, Ft. Lauderdale, won a unanimous decision decision over Troy Higby, 119½, West Palm Beach.
Jean Pierre Dawe, 154½, Ft. Lauderdale, decisioned Alan Briscoe, 154, Orlando, four.
Randy Cole, 137, Ft. Lauderdale, kayoed Mel Robinson, 130, Homestead, in 1:14 of the first.
Michael Johnson, 191, Homestead, TKO'd favored Nate Robinson, 207, Ft. Lauderdale, in the first.
(05-19-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall—**Former WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, 140, TKO'd Jesus Nava, 141, in seven.
Undefeated Johnny de la Rosa, 128, Santo Domingo, TKO'd previously unbeaten Reinaldo Rosales, 127, in the second.
Marvin Vargas, 112, veteran from Chile, kayoed Juan Nieves, 113½, Puerto Rico, in 1:33 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder.
Joe Medina, 148, Cuba, TKO'd Anthony McPherson, 146, Jamaica, in three. Medina is still undefeated.
Luis Urraca, 131, Miami TKO'd Ray Dennis, 131, Ft. Lauderdale, in six.
Don Setzer, 152, Miami, TKO'd Mitch Thomas, 153, Ft. Myers, in two.
Jose Ribalta, 206, Miami, outpointed Ken Davis, 200, Ft. Myers, four. This was his third straight win.
(05-21-82)

▲ **TAMPA—Curtis Hixon Hall—**Pedro Laza, 133½, former Cuban refugee now living in Miami, extended his winning streak to 14 by punching out a hard fought points victory over Jeff Goodwin, 130, Knoxville, Tenn.
Leroy Hester, 164, Miami, outscored Henry McDaniels, 162¼, Summerville, S.C., six. Hester is now 7-0 with six kayoes.
Rickey Sheppard, 164¼, Camden, S.C., TKO'd Dennis Koroll, 169, Tampa, at 1:09 of the fourth. Red Van Linder, referee.
Havis Little, 169½, Goose Creek, S.C., kayoed Mike McKinney, 170½, Tampa, with a short left hook to the chin in 2:07 of the opening round.
Alan Hetrick, 152, Camden, S.C., halted Allen Briscoe, 149½, Orlando, at 2:07 of the second.
Kel Robin, 143, Miami, made his pro debut by knocking out Marshall Washington, 145, Jacksonville, in 1:58 of round three.
Tony Velesco, 231½, Tampa, won a dull four-round decision over Lonnie Chapman, 200, Ridgeville, S.C.
Promoter—Phil Alessi. Matchmaker—Ken Rosenberg.
Attendance—935.
(06-02-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall—**Mao de la Rosa, 147, Santo Domingo, kayoed Isidoro Moreno, 145, Cuba, in 1:23 of the third round in a scheduled 10 for the vacant Florida State welter title. Bill Conners, referee.
Raul Hernandez, 145½, Cuba, and Art Johnson, 140, Ft. Lauderdale, drew, six.
Fernando Martinez, 136, Puerto Rico, stopped amateurish Jimmy Perez, 135, Coral Springs, at 1:20 of the first round.
Julian Jackson, 152, Virgin Islands, kayoed Al Cook, 153, Ft. Lauderdale, with a short right to the chin in 2:15 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.
Luis Urraca, 134¼, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Frankie Valdez, 137, Tampa, at 2:20 of the first.
Mike Cruz, 125, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Eugene Thomas, also 125, Haiti, at 0:45 of the first round. Bernie Soto, referee.
Juan Figueroa, 122, Miami, kayoed Rafael Diaz, 120, Homestead, in 1:21 of the first round in a scheduled six.
Ivan Vasquez, 140, Puerto Rico, floored Arthur Jackson, 142, Ft. Lauderdale, twice enroute to a kayo at 2:10 of the second round.
Promoter—Felix Zabala (Tuto Enterprises).
Matchmaker—Lew Barksy.
Attendance—1,200.
(06-08-82)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

▲ **TAMPA—Curtis Hixon Hall—**Tony Ayala, Jr., 154½, San Antonio, Texas, TKO'd Steve Gregory, 153½, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:02 of round three to push his undefeated record to 19-0 with 17 kayoes. Gregory is now 27-3-2.
The third man in the ring was veteran refree Arthur Mercante. After the fight, it was Mercante who, in responding to a query from this reporter as to how he would evaluate Ayala as a fighter, simply said "fearless, ferocious, and furious." Mercante's assessment was probably shared by most of the 3,500 fans in attendance, as well as by the majority of the millions of home viewers who saw the Ayala-Gregory bout live on NBC.
Mark (Golden Boy) Frazie, 156, Sciotoville, Ohio, extended his log to 18-0 (11 kayoes) by beating Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 153, Newark, on a disqualification at 1:07 of the fifth. Arthur Mecante, referee. Walker is now 10-1-1.
Michael Bradley, 139, Columbus, TKO'd Anthony Bryant, 142½, Nashville, who failed to answer the bell for round seven. Bradley is now 16-0 with 10 kayoes.
Carlos Santana, 134½, won a close but unanimous decision over local hero Mauricio Rodriguez, also 134½, 10. This was Mauricio's first loss. He'd gone undefeated in his first 12 bouts.
Mike McKinney, 165½, Tampa, kayoed Gary Clarke, 158½, Camden, South Carolina, with a right hand to the jaw in 0:27 of the first.
Alan Hetrick, 154½, Camden, S.C., won a unanimous duke over Jeffrey Nelson, 147½, Miami, in a four-round war.
Lonnie Chapman, 202, Charleston, S.C., TKO'd Ed Greenway, 183, Tampa, at 2:59 of the first.
Referees—Arthur Mercante, Victor Perez, Raymond Rodriguez.
Judges—Derrell Brown, Tom Brown, John Mennone.
Announcer—Mark Beiro.
Phil Alessi Promotions.
Matchmaker—Ken Rosenberg.
Attendance—3,528.
(05-02-82)

JUSTIN LAWRENCE

▲ **ORLANDO—Eddie Graham Sports Complex—**A sparse but vocally appreciative crowd witnessed the return of professional boxing to this city after a three-year absence.
Former National Golden Gloves champ James Salerno, Orlando, knocked out Anthony Phillips, Savannah, Georgia, in the seventh round of the scheduled 10-round light heavyweight main event. Salerno is now 26-2 with 21 knockouts as a pro.
Tom Prater, Indianapolis, TKO'd J.D. Johnson, Lakeland, at 1:30 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.
Luis Megias, Miami, outscored Manny Vega, Orlando, six rounds, welters.
William (The Teacher) Telfair outscored Cuba's Raul Hernandez, six.
"Vint" Hammock, Orlando, TKO'd Marshall Washington, Gainesille, at 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled four-round welterweight contest.
"Cruisin' " Archie Crews, Orlando, kayoed Otha Wright, New Smyrna Beach, in 1:37 of the second in the scheduled four-round welterweight opener.
Promoter—Wally Zozak.
(05-07-82)

MARTY CARSON

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—McCormick Inn—**Roosevelt Green, 148¼, Chicago, looked good knocking out Richard House, 149¾, St. Louis, in the 10th and final session. House was down three times in that round, the last time for the count in 0:57.
Eight-rounders: Wayne Lynum, 126, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Benny Marquez, 129, Chicago, after a terrific slugfest. Terry Whitaker, 140, Chicago, won a unanimous verdict over Bobby Plegge, 145, Salem, Ohio.
Six-rounders: Steffen Tangstad, 214, Chicago, TKO'd Jimmy Cross, 199, Memphis, at 2:44 of the fifth round. Mike Landini, 153, Chicago, kayoed Vernon Mitchel, 154½, Cincinnati, in 1:26 of the second. Mike Brothers, 174, Chicago, knocked out Charles Presswood, 180½, Cincinnati, in 1:34 of the first.
Four-rounders: Carlos Tite, 166¼, Hammond, Ind., kayoed Claude Alexander, 164, Cincinnati, in 1:55 of the second. David Townsend, 219, Chicago, made his pro debut by knocking out Ron Hill, 242, Milwaukee, in 1:01 of the first. Khoren Perzigian, 184, Chicago, kayoed Mike Lee, 176, Cincinnati, in 1:42 of the first round, flooring him three times.
Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.
Judges—James DiVito, Mike Glienna, Harding McCain, William Lerch.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Jorge Tovar.
Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Promoter—Ernest Terrell.
Attendance—735.
(04-30-82)

▲ **DANVILLE—Civic Center—**William Hosea, 200, Bloomington, Illinois, TKO'd Danny Townsend, 191, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:58 of the second in the scheduled eight-round mismatch.
Randy Smith, 162, Chicago, TKO'd Tom Houston, 148, Columbus, at 2:02 of the first round in a scheduled six.
Four-rounders: Acie Bunch, 249, Rock Island, Ill., TKO'd Frank Farmer, 215, Columbus, at 2:29 of the third round. John Plaza, 136, Chicago, knocked out Orlando Green, 122, Columbus, in 2:51 of the second. Andrew Ruiz, 137, Chicago, TKO'd Paul Farley, 141, Columbus, at 2:45 of the first. Francis Sargent, 173, Peoria, TKO'd Tim Murphy, 165, Columbus, at 1:39 of the first.
The matchmaker for this program was Doug Amundsen, who will no longer be allowed to make matches in Illinois. Frank Glienna, supervisor of boxing for the Illinois State Board, is very strict about things like this. He and executive secretary Nick Kerasiotis run a tight ship and see that boxing is run right in Illinois. Pity that other state commissions aren't lucky enough to have equally devoted men running their boxing activities.
Referees—Stanley Berg, Ed Stage.
Judges—Sonny Duncan, Dr. Robert Lorey.
Timekeeper—Kenny Kinch.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Bacquero.
Announcer—Frank Roose.
Promoter—Frank Roose.
Attendance—401.
(05-13-82)

▲ **CHICAGO—Bismarck Hotel—**John Collins, 159, Chicago, TKO'd Billy (Fireball) Bradley, 158½, Middletown, Ohio, in the seventh session of the scheduled 10-round main event. Collins is now 22-0, and ready for stiffer competition.
Six-rounders: Alex Micele, 143¾, Chicago, TKO'd Ken Willis, 142, Indianapolis, in the second. Carlos Tite, 163, Hammond, Ind., TKO'd Steve Wetzel, 164, Milwaukee, who was not out for the third. Benny (Pulga) Marquez, 135, Chicago, kayoed Emilio Sotomayor, 135½, Chicago, with a body shot in the second. Jim Finn, 186, Chicago, made his pro debut by knocking out Harold Johnson, 199, Indianapolis, in the first.
Four-rounders: Sam Alvelo, 141½, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Jeff Gettemy, 144, Chicago. Mike Bovenizer, 182, Canaryville, Illinois, TKO'd game Farmer Bender, 195, Fond du Lac, Wisc., in the first. Bender was knocked down three times.
Referees—Stanley Berg, Al Preslinger.
Judges—Gerald Hultz, Mike Glienna, Harold Marovitz, John Ricci.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Glenn Bynum.
Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Promoter—Art Kenah.
Attendance—1,396.
(05-14-82)

▲ **CHICAGO—McCormick Inn—**Terry Whitaker, 136, Chi-

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
2. Gerry Cooney (New York)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Pennsylvania)
5. James Tillis (Illinois)
6. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
7. John Tate (Tennessee)
8. Jimmy Young (Pennsylvania)
9. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
10. Larry Frazier (Washington)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pennsylvania)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. S.T. Gordon (California)
5. Eddie Davis (New York)
6. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
7. Marvin Camel (Montana)
8. James Scott (New Jersey)
9. John Davis (New York)
10. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
2. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Bernard Mays (Michigan)
6. Alex Ramos (New York)
7. Wilford Scypion (New Jersey)
8. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
9. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
10. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Tony Ayala (Texas)
2. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
3. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Mike McCallum (New York)
6. Bruce Johnson (Florida)
7. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
8. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
9. Nino Gonzales (New Jersey)
10. Mark Medal (New Jersey)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Title Vacant
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Donald Curry (Texas)
5. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
6. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
7. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
8. Mark Harris (New Jersey)
9. Pete Ranzany (California)
10. Kevin Morgan (Nevada)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
2. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
3. Steve Hearon (Texas)
4. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
7. Bruce Curry (Texas)
8. Monroe Brooks (California)
9. Tony Baltazar (California)
10. Jorge Morales (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Art Frias (California)
3. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
4. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
5. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
6. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
7. Herman Montes (California)
8. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
9. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
10. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Bobby Chacon (California)
3. Hector Camacho (New York)
4. Frankie Baltazar (California)
5. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
6. Irving Mitchell (California)
7. Tony Santana (New York)
8. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
9. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
10. Louis Loy (California)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
6. Mark Davis (California)
7. Rocky Garcia (California)
8. Richard Savala (Michigan)
9. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
10. Paul DeVorce (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
4. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
7. Franco Torregoza (California)
8. Jose Canizales (Texas)
9. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
10. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Richard Sandoval (California)
4. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. Harold Petty (Texas)
10. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Felix Castillo (Texas)
2. Joey Olivo (California)
3. Alonso Gonzales (California)
4. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
5. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
6. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
7. Henry Brent (New York)
8. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
9. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
10. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)

The United States Ratings were compiled by the Editors of *Ring*, along with the tabulated ballots of the American panelists on *Ring*'s International Ratings Panel.

cago, TKO'd Dominic Fox, 140, Belfast, Ireland, in round three of the scheduled 10-round main event. Fox suffered a suspected broken hand.

Lenny LaPaglia, 161, Melrose Park, Illinois, knocked out Jesse Abrams, also 161, Des Moines, Iowa, with a body shot in 0:46 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Six-rounders: Mike (Choir Boy) Landini, 151, Chicago, TKO'd Chief Kitchenakow, 155, Monominee Indian Reservation, at 1:39 of the fifth round. Ali Kareem Muhammad, 144, Chicago, TKO'd Hector Alstork, 148, Troy, Ohio, at 1:15 of the second. Randy Smith, 160, Chicago, knocked out Vince Heard, also 160, Cincinnati, in 1:39 of the second. Larry Givins, 213, Cincinnati, kayoed James C. Neuman, 221, Chicago Ridge, Ill., in 2:38 of the fourth.

Four-rounders: David Townsend, 219, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Lawrence LoPresto, 193, Chicago. Carlos Tite, 163, Hammond, Ind., TKO'd Tim Green, 160, Des Moines, at 1:46 of the first. Henry Mobley, 141, Chicago, won a split decision over Alex Micell, also 141, Chicago.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.

Judges—Collins Brown, James DiVito, Bill Lerch, Harding McCain.

Timekeeper—Al Tremari.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Jorge Tovar.

Announcer—Art Manzy.

Promoter—Ernest Terrell.

Attendance—570.

(05-24-82)

BOB SODERMAN

INDIANA

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Hotel**—Jimmy Claar, 166¾, New Lisbon, Indiana, TKO'd a stubborn Hank Thomas, 171, St. Louis, at 1:54 of round five. This was Claar's last professional bout, as he has reached the mandatory retirement age for boxers in Indiana.

Reggie Hatcher, 158½, Indianapolis, outpointed Victor Claar, 159, New Lisbon, four.

Mike Pollitt, 156½, New Lisbon, kayoed Billy Evans, 155¾, Red Lake, Minn., in 1:40 of the second.

Wilbert (Vampire) Johnson, 164, Indianapolis, and improving Burgess Scruggs, 161, Indianapolis, drew in a rollicking pier-six six-rounder. The scores were 58-55, Scruggs; 58-57, Johnson; and 58-58.

Tommy Ayers, 141¾, Cincinnati, kayoed Jerry Strickland, 146, Hamilton, Ohio, in 2:25 of the first session.

Mark Wickliff, 204, Indianapolis, kayoed Mark Irving, 187¾, Omaha, in 1:44 of the first round.

Gary Gamble, 143¼, Indianapolis, outscored Bobby Atchison, 140, Anderson, Ind., four.

Promoter—Fred Berns.

Matchmaker—Pete Susens.

Attendance—450 (est.).

(05-05-82)

GARY L. MERRITT

MARYLAND

▲ **BALTIMORE—Hilton Hotel**—Tyronne Crawley, 141, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over "Irish" Mike James, 145, Hillcrest Heights, Md., in the eight-round main event.

George Burton, 145, Baltimore, TKO'd Harvey Lomax, 143½, Philly, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Eddie Van Kirk, 135, Baltimore, won a unanimous duke over Warren Boardley, 137, Baltimore, four.

Chris Bowen, 138, Langley Park, Md., won a split decision over Tony Stern, 138, Harrisburg, Pa., four.

The scheduled four-rounder between Eddie Sauerhoff, 147¾, Baltimore, and Kenneth (Rabbit) Brown, 149, Philly, was declared a technical draw. Brown sustained a collapsed lung, with the Maryland Commission recommending a three-month medical suspension.

Reginald Gross, 178, Baltimore, won a unanimous decision over Michael Statton, 173¾, Langley Park, Md., four.

(05-17-82)

MICHIGAN

▲ **DETROIT—Northwest Activities Center**—This was supposed to be a card put on by the Detroit Professional Boxing Club Featuring Willie "Sandman" Edwards, Alex Byrd, and Tony Anthony. What happened may have been the last official act of Bob Watson, the chairman of the Michigan Athletic Board of Control. The day before the fight, Watson cancelled the card. The reason behind the cancellation was the controversy surrounding the main bout between "Sandman" Edwards and Eddie "Rocky" Temple. Those who have seen Temple, 10-6, perform know that there is no way that he can support a record like that. He has been knocked out by five Michigan fighters, one twice. Edwards, 12-0, is a top class light heavyweight, holding victories over Willie Monroe, Len Hutchins and Jesse Burnett. The fight would have been no competition. Temple would not have lasted past the first round.

Watson, using a little enforced rule, stepped in and withdrew the sanctioning of the card. Watson's term expires at the end of March, and it is not known whether he will return to his post. Michigan has a tendency to support a weak commission and with Watson's attempt to put some teeth into a lax board, that obviously needs tougher control, he may wind up following the same path as Chuck Davies.

Following the passage of Public Act 299 in 1980, most of the power allotted to the Boxing Commission was handed over to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. There is a move being made by the Committee to retain the Board of Athletic Control, which is responsible for the health and safety of the fighters, licensing referees, and doctors. They think that the judges, timekeepers, promoters, etc. can all be trusted to do the right thing. How about the case of Temple and Edwards?

(03-26-82)

▲ **CLARKSTON—Clarkston High School**—What started out to be a benefit for former great amateur boxer Ken Grable, who was injured in an automobile accident, turned out to be a good night of boxing.

In the main bout, Arnie Wells, 139, Davison, brought his record to 8-0 by dropping Cedric Barkley, 140, Cleveland, in the first minute of the opening round.

Ralph Twinning, 146, Muskegon, kayoed Abul Ali Bilal, 138, in 0:13 of the third round.

The Lally Brothers of Westland were there, but Bradd Lally weighed in too heavy and was scratched from the bout. Brett Lally ran his unbeaten streak to four in a row in the lightweight contest by stopping William Collins, 136, Cleveland, at 0:49 of the second round.

Wes Rockett, 157, Alpena, notched his second straight victory when he scored a technical knockout of Andre Anderson, 150, at 2:19 of the first canto.

Lee Lamphere, 162, Waterford, decisioned Tony Taylor, 170, Cleveland, four.

Theodis Liggion, 160, Kalamazoo, lost to Ron Ayers, 164, Cleveland on a four round TKO. Ayers raised his record to 3-1.

(03-26-82)

▲ **KALAMAZOO—Stan and Ollies**—Marvin Earle, 225, Vicksburg, knocked out Chuck Johnson, 224, Buffalo in the second round. Earle used his big right hand to run his record to 6-1-1.

In a welterweight bout, Ralph Twinning, 144, Muskegon, the south paw who once floored Thomas Hearns as an amateur, kayoed Paul Farley, 150, Columbus, in the first canto.

Junior middleweight Terry Holmes, Kalamazoo, remained undefeated as he knocked out Larry Marks, Buffalo, in the first round.

Joe Byrd Jr., 176, continued his winning ways as he stopped Tom Houston, Columbus, in the opening round.

The two fighting brothers out of Westland, Brett and Brad Lally, both pulled off victories to remain undefeated in their early careers. Brett Lally, 138, pounded out a four round decision over Tony Taylor, 144, Indianapolis. He is now 5-0. Older brother Brad Lally, 157, won a split decision in four rounds over Mike Bell, 164, Indianapolis. Brad improved to 3-0.

(04-05-82)

▲ **STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—Arnie Wells, 137½, Davison, won a unanimous ten round decision over Eddie Murry, Chicago.

Danny "Mad Dog" Paul, 147, Detroit, TKO'd Tommy Tarrintino, 147, Chicago, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten rounder. Paul raised his record to 18-3.

In a six round heavyweight bout, Darnell Hayes, Columbus, decisioned Dion Simpson, Detroit.

Jeff "Honey Boy" Whaley, 117, Detroit, knocked out Orlando Green, 119, Columbus, at 2:15 of the first round.

Martin "Too Sweet" Pierce, 164, Flint, had no trouble in pounding out a four round decision over Ron Ayer, 164, Cleveland.

Four-rounders: Sam "Bang Bang" Bonadonna, 161, brought his record to 3-0 with a three round TKO over Jerry Ramsey, 154, Cleveland. Wayne Powell, 147, Detroit, decisioned Adrian Green, 147, Chicago.

(04-19-82)

▲ **ALPENA—Alpena High School**—Close to 1,000 fans from the northern Michigan community were treated to a good fight card.

In the first bout, Wess Rockett dropped Terry Russell, Sterling, Ill., at 0:35 of the second round. Rockett, the tough junior middleweight, is now 3-0. In the other jr. middleweight clash, Mike Morris pounded out a four round majority decision over Rick Russell, Sterling, Ill.

In a junior welterweight contest, Ralph Twinning, Muskegon, ran his record to 20-4 with a first round kayo of Mike Staley, Buffalo.

In a meeting between two undefeated heavyweights from Michigan, Lee Lamphere, 2-0, won a four-round decision over Bill "Show-business" Lee, Detroit.

Light heavyweight, Joe Byrd, Jr., made due with an exhibition bout with Terry Holmes, Kalamazoo.

(04-20-82)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall**—The main event featured Milton "The Ice Man" McCory, 147, Detroit, against Pete Ranzany, 147, Sacramento, 58-6-2. The winner of this one was hopeful for a shot against Sugar Ray Leonard. McCory decisioned Ranzany, 99-91, 98-92, 98-90.

Junior welterweight Du Juan "Mr. Excitment" Johnson,

raised his record to 18-1 by knocking out Johnny Torres, Miami, at 2:55 of the second round.

Darrell "TNT" Chambers, 146¾, Detroit, pounded out an eight round decision over George Mojiaco, 148, Puerto Rico. Chambers improved to 8-0.

Brett Lally, 138, Westland, now 6-0, TKO'd Earl Stringer, 139½, Detroit, at 0:55 of the third round.

Brad Lally, 157, Westland, raised his record to 3-0 with a six round decision over Kirk Blakely, 147, Grand Rapids.

Ricky Davis, 150, Columbus, Ohio, pounded out a four round decision over Landrus Buckley, 150¾, Detroit.
(04-22-82)

▲ **TRAVERSE CITY—Grand Traverse Hilton**—Michigan's main event headlined with a heavyweight bout between Ernie Shavers and Michigan's heavyweight champion Ali Haakim. Shavers, 214½, Bay City, Michigan, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Haakim, 218¼, Detroit.

Khaliq Muhammad, 147¼, Detroit, decisioned William "Machine Gun" Key, 148½, Grand Rapids, in an eight round rematch. Key won their first fight.

Curtis Isaac, 218, Grand Rapids, decisioned John Brayton, 236¼, Traverse City, in a four rounder.

Lionell Johnson, 135, Detroit, TKO'd Willie McIntosh at 2:54 of the first round. Johnson raised his record to 6-0.

Undefeated John Boggiano, 130½, Grand Rapids, pounded out a six round decision over Lavon McGowen, 126¾. Boggiano is now 4-0.
(04-22-82)

▲ **DETROIT—Northwest Activities Center**—In a local boxing card, middleweight Bob West finally got a shot at the main event. West, 158, Detroit, won a hard fought eight round decision over Jeffery Gettemy, 154, of Des Moines, Iowa. West is now 9-1.

In an exciting bantamweight battle, Jeff Whaley, 115, of Detroit, dropped Roosevelt McCullum, 115, Joliet, Ill., with a straight right in the second round. Whaley improved to 4-1.

In a six-round light heavyweight contest, Bill Hollis, Pontiac, won a decision over Don Thurman, also of Pontiac. Both fighters tipped the scales at 175.

Alvin "Too Sweet" Hayes, 137½, 2-0, Detroit, defeated Tim Wade, 135½, Sterling, Ill., at 0:41 of the first round.

Wayne Powell, 146½, Detroit, dropped Terry Russell, 152½, Sterling, Ill., in the first round and went on to register a second round TKO.

Karl Vinson, 160½, Detroit, making his pro debut, scored a third round TKO over Danny Randell, 164, Sterling, Ill., at 1:40 of that round.
(04-30-82)

▲ **DAVISON—Davison High School**—Arnie Wells, 139, Davison, won his eleventh straight by scoring a TKO over Willie McIntosh, 144, Grand Rapids, at 120 of the fourth round.

Chet "The Jet" Richardson, 124, Youngstown, Ohio, posted a sixth round decision over John "The Lion" Boggiano, 130, Grand Rapids.

Greg "The Flea" Richardson, 124, Youngstown, Ohio, also had a good day against a Grand Rapids fighter as he won a unanimous four round victory over Brett Livingston, 124, who was making his pro debut.

Four-rounders: Alvin "Too Sweet" Hayes, 137, Detroit, kayoed Dave "East Side" Guerra, 137, Flint, at 1:49 of the first round. Hayes is now 3-0 while Gurrea spoiled his debut.

Martin "Too Sweet" Pierce, 185, Flint, kayoed canvas duster Rocky Temple, 174, Columbus, Ohio, at 1:06 of the second round.

Vernon Bridges, 195, Flint, was frustrated and finally defeated by Jesse Clark, 209, Columbus, Ohio, at 1:31 of the first round.

Lee Lamphere, 162, Waterford, injured his right hand in the second round and still used it to blast Clint Longmire, 160, Niles, Ohio, at 1:49 of the second round.

▲ **MUSKEGON—Galaxy Arena**—Ralph Twinning raised his record to 21-4 by scoring an eight round decision over Bobby Plegge, Alliance, Ohio, in a top junior welterweight match.

Joe Byrd Jr. pounded out a tough six round decision over Johnny Cox, Sterling, Ill., in the heavyweight bout. Byrd, Flint, kept his modest winning streak alive.

Ronnie Byrd won a four-round decision over Lewis Nelton who was making his pro debut.

Ricardo Bryant, Alliance, Ohio, defeated Melvin Twinning, Muskegon in a four round middleweight bout.

The opening bout of the night saw Theodis Liggion, Kalamazoo, bring his record even at 1-1 with a first round TKO over Terry Russell, Steering Ill.
(05-14-82)

▲ **DETROIT—Northwest Activities Center**—Khaliq Muhammad, 150, Detroit, knocked out Lamont Hopkins, 149, Flint, at 1:04 of the fourth round.

Making his pro debut, Detroit's National Golden Gloves Champion, Arthel "Bam Bam" Lawhorn, 160½, kayoed David Carter, 165 Columbus, Ohio, at 1:06 of the opening round.

A six-round lightweight bout featured Alvin Hayes, 138, Detroit, making it 4-0 with a one sided pounding of Dan Montalvo, Lansing. The fight went the distance, but Montalvo took a beating.

Jeff Whaley, 115, Detroit, stopped Orlando Green, 121, Columbus, at 1:29 of the second round.

Karl "The Motor City Viper" Vinson, 160, won a four-round decision over Cleo Landrum, 154½, Chicago.

Wayne Powell, 148½, Detroit, made it 3-0 with a kayo over William Hodge, 147, Columbus, at 1:55 of the first round.

Dion Simpson, 216¼, Detroit, stopped Randy Jackson, 174, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:52 of the first round.

Judges—Chuck McHenry and Bernie Humphrey.

Referees—Bob Watson, Eddie Yew, and Sam Williams.

▲ **STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—Greg "Candyman" Coverson, 135, Detroit, 27-0, decisioned Todd Longmuir, 137, Wantagh, N.Y., 10. Both fighters turned in fine performances, but it was 99-91, 99-98, and 100-90 Coverson at the end.

Danny "Mad Dog" Paul, 145, Detroit, brought his pro log to 19-3 with an eight round decision over Pedro Acosta, 146, Sterling, Ill.

Jeff Whaley, 117, Detroit, decisioned Rick Spencer, 126, Cleveland, in six rounds.

Undefeated welterweight, Wayne Powell, 147, Detroit, made it four in a row with an easy first round kayo of Demetrius Johnson, 140½, Columbus, Ohio, at 0:57 of the opening round.

Anthony Travis Valdez, 140½, St. Louis, decisioned Clinton Harris, 137½, Windsor in a six round split decision.

Sam "Bang Bang" Bonadonna, 155, halted Lazaro Sifuenetes, 150, Chicago, at 1:06 of the opening round.

Detroit's amateur sensation, Arthel "Bam Bam" Lawhorn, 169, stopped Kevin Straughter, 168, Columbus, Ohio at 1:12 of the opener. Both "Bang Bang" and "Bam Bam" are undefeated.
(05-26-82)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▲ **PLAINFIELD—Plainfield High School**—Local rising star Albert (Steel) Mills, 156, belted out veteran club fighter Marcos Larios, 163, New York, with a right in 2:28 of the second.

Victor (Flash) Gordon, 142, stopped Ricardo Mullins, 136¾, Philadelphia, at 1:32 of the second.

Roberto Munoz, 142, Plainfield, kayoed fast starter Lawrence (Homicide) Jones, 138½, Philly, in 2:31 of the second.

Vai Afa, 160¾, Plainfield, climbed off the canvas in the second to floor Muhammad Abdullah, 160, Philly in the third and win via unanimous decision.

Muhammad Anwar, 173, Newark, made his pro debut by knocking out Stan Oglesby, 173¾, Jersey City, in 2:55 of the second.

Referees—Ronnie Burns, Joe Cortez.

Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, Charles Spina.
(04-22-82)

▲ **EAST ORANGE—Rallye Racquet Club**—Sanford Ricks, 137½, East Orange, won the vacant New Jersey State junior welter crown with a unanimous decision over Jorge Nina, Passaic, twelve.

Bobby (Kid) Patterson, 164, Paterson, won a unanimous decision over Reggie Amin Muhammad (AKA Reggie Jones), Newark.

Tony Coster, 214¼, Cleveland, kayoed Dennis Wimberly, 196, Paterson, in 0:42 of the second.

"Ray Ray" Gray, 157, Cleveland, rallied to pull out a unanimous decision over Tim Richardson, 161, Trenton, six.

Steve Allen, 190, Newark, halted Lindsey Page, 182, Trenton, on a cut eye, one.

Williard (Pop) Nance, 179, Trenton, and Shadeed Ar Rahman, 176, Newark, drew, four.
(04-23-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Stung by criticism that the ESPN shows promoted here at the Sands by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc. were becoming too tame, matchmaker Bruce Trampler responded with a short, but action packed evening of crowd pleasing blastouts.

In the main event, a reversal of form saw the normally mechanical Len Villers, 158¼, Youngstown, Ohio, turn vicious puncher to polish off Odell Leonard, 160¼, Landover, Md., in 1:42 of the third. A piledriver right poleaxed Leonard over backwards for the count.

The ESPN middleweight tournament got underway with Jerry Holley, 158¾, Orlando, knocking out Sammy NeSmith, 162¼, Indianapolis, in 2:14 of the second, and Tony Nelson, 158, Braddock, Pa., halting Muhammad Shabazz, 160½, Hartford, at the end of five.

Billy Collins, 151½, Antioch, Tenn., TKO'd Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss, 154, Neola, Iowa, at 2:20 of round three.

Luis Rivera, 153½, Camden, N.J., kayoed sub Paul Gentry, 150½, Spartanburg, S.C., in 1:12 of the second.

Ricky Melton, 140, Shelby, N.C., knocked out Richard Gainey, 136¾, Philly, in 2:30 of the first.

Referees—Tony Perez, Paul Venti.

Judges—Frank Brunette, Richard F. Murry.

Attendance—550 (est.).
(05-20-82)

J.R. JOWETT

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Claridge Hotel Casino**—Heavyweight prospect Jimmy Clark continued his run of victories over bottom-of-the-barrel opposition, scoring a third round TKO over Lupe Guerra at 1:49. Clark, who holds a degree in criminal justice from Westchester State College, should arrest whoever is making his matches. He'll never progress fighting stiffs like Guerra.

Clark, 212, Coatsville, Pa., scored three knockdowns before it was over. Guerra, 196, Omaha, Nebraska, was in strictly to survive. He didn't.

Joe Thomas, 238¾, Norristown, Pa., starched Ron Rogers, 217¾, Akron, Ohio, at 1:09 of the first. A single left jab turned the trick. Thomas is now 5-0, and needs to step up in class to get a decent workout.

In the best fight of the night, Bobby Johnson, 134¾, Easton, Pa., won a unanimous eight-round decision over Kenny Carpenter, 133½, Upper Darby, Pa., in a real crowd-pleaser. Carpenter tried all the way, but except for a big rally in the sixth, he was outclassed.

Vincent (The Blade) Christian, 123½, Phila., outpointed Chester Richardson, 121¾, Youngstown, Ohio, in a so-so six-rounder.

Steve Traitz, 161½, Norristown, scored a cut-eye TKO over David Carter, 161½, Weston, W. Virginia, at 1:33 of the second.

Promoter—Joe Hand.
(04-26-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Veteran light heavyweight Richie Kates launched a successful comeback, following a year-and-a-half layoff, with a very weird TKO over Vic Valentino (Pat Cuillo) at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. The fight was stopped—now get this—because of a deep cut on Valentino's left hand. Just when you think you've seen it all, something like this happens to restore your faith in boxing's unending diversity.

Blood started to appear on both boxers during the first round. There did not seem to be any cuts on either man, not even a bloody nose. After inspecting their charges, both corners assumed that it was the other guy who was wounded. The fight proceeded on fairly even terms, neither really dominating. It was, except for the mysterious bleeding, a rather pedestrian affair.

It quickly became apparent, however, that something was seriously wrong. Both were smeared in gore and referee Joe Cortez was getting understandably nervous. Finally the source of the blood was traced to Valentino's left glove. The cut was so bad that the blood was actually soaking through the mitt and dripping onto the canvas. There was no alternative, the fight had to be stopped. Valentino was holding his own, but in dire need of medical attention.

How did it happen? Well, Valentino and his corner came up with a strange story about Vic/Pat being cut with a pair of scissors while he was getting his hands wrapped. Other sources claimed that he had hurt his hand during a "little problem on the streets." Take your pick. Either way, he didn't belong in the ring. That's for sure. Why Cuillo changed his name to Valentino is another question yet to be answered. All-in-all, a very bizzare fight.

Kates, only 28 by his count, looked rusty and we will have to wait and see if he has anything left. His 39-6, 21 kayoes, includes two shots at the late Victor Galindez for the WBA crown. He weighed 190½ for this one and will campaign as a cruiser. Valentino/Cuillo came in at 192.

Talented Maurice (Thin Man) Blocker, 142½, Washington, D.C., stayed unbeaten (5-0, four kayoes) with a hard-fought four-round decision over comebacking Michael Ross, 143¾, Philadelphia. Ross pressed the fight all the way, but was outpunched by the lanky Blocker, who looks like one of the finest prospects out of the nations capital in some time. The game pair split an extra $500 when their mini-brawl was voted "Prelim of the Night."

Gary Gibson, 140¾, Washington, D.C., upset previously unbeaten Pablo Rivera, 141¼, N.Y.C., with a TKO at 1:14 of the opening round. Gibson scored two knockdowns before he was called off.

In another excellent scrap, Simon Brown, 138, D.C., stopped Cookie James, 136, Phila., at 3:08 of the fifth. A left-right combo dropped James for the full count near the end of the round and he was counted out by referee Cortez. Both men had landed often before the end, but Brown always maintained an edge.

Christopher Bowens, 139¼, D.C., scored a unanimous four-round decision over Boston's John Saunders, 143, in the show opener. This was another fine battle, with both lads going all-out.

Alternate referee—Zack Clayton.

Judges—Bill Kostrub and Milo Savage.

Promoters—Ted Menas and Don Elbaum.

Attendance—1,500 (SRO).
(04-27-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Emanuel Stewart brought his Kronk Boxing Team to town and escaped with four wins in five bouts. The lone loss, however, was a big upset, as Philly's Buster Drayton stopped previously unbeaten Duane Thomas on a cut-eye TKO at 2:07 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10.

Thomas, 154¼, had won 16 in a row with 10 kayoes before Drayton put a stop to his streak. Duane was ahead on all cards when a very nasty cut opened over his left eye in the seventh. The injury was pumping blood at an alarming rate, and referee Rudy Battle had no choice but to call a halt. It was an unfortunate way to lose, but Tomas lives to fight another day and Drayton gets a cheap win.

In a co-featured 10-rounder, Kronk's Jimmie Paul won a unanimous decision over hot-'n-cold Jerome Artis. Paul was originally scheduled to box "Cocoa" Sanchez, but Artis (fighting for the third time this month) was called in to pinch-hit.

Artis, 135, Phila., showed a lot of slick defense, but came up short in the offense department. Paul, 136, Detroit, was not fooled by Jerome's tricks, although he missed frequently. He kept plugging away and deserved to win. Paul is now 12-0 with 11 kayoes. Traveling the distance with an experienced vet Ike Artis was the best thing that could have happened to him. The scores were 7-2-1, 6-4, and 5-4-1, all in favor of Paul.

Darrell Chambers, 147¼, Detroit, scored a unanimous decision over Dale Staley, 151, Washington, D.C., over six one-sided rounds. Staley took a pasting, losing every round. Chambers ran his pro log to 9-0 with six kayoes. Staley dropped to 12-6-1, 11 kayoes.

Lionel Johnson, 135, Detroit, scored a TKO over Rich McCain, 137¼, Phila., at the end of the third.

Hurley Snead, 119½, Detroit, disposed of Brian Johnson, 124¾, Phila., with two knockdowns in the first. Body shots put Johnson down both times, the second time for the full-count. Strictly no contest. Snead is now 8-1, six kayoes.

In the walkout, Larry McKeever, 136, Pearl River, N.Y., scored a unanimous decision over Richard Rodriguez, 134¾, Bronx, N.Y., in four. A left hook put Rodriguez down in the fourth.

The card was carried live over the ESPN cable.

Alternate referee—Frank Cappuccino.

Judges—John Stewart and Tommy Kaczmarek.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—500 (est.)
(04-29-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Unpredictable slugger Mario Maldonado jumped all over Jimmy Batten, scoring a TKO at 2:52 of the first round in a scheduled 10. This was Maldonalo at his best. He launched an all-out attack from

the opening bell and didn't ease off until the transplanted Englishman was rescued by the referee.

Maldonado, 156, Vineland, N.J., stunned Batten, 155, with a sneak right almost as soon as the fight got underway. After that, it was like shooting fish in a barrel. Mario hardly missed a punch. Finally, a sweeping left hook dropped Batten, and, although he somehow beat the count, it was all over.

Maldonado will now go on the new ESPN tournament. His 17-10-1 record, with 10 kayoes, is misleading. When Mario is in shape (not too often), he is a tough proposition for anybody this side of the top 10.

Batten, once the British junior middleweight champ, showed nothing. His record dropped to 34-6 (17 kayoes), with most of his wins coming on the other side of the Atlantic. He doesn't seem tough enough to make it over here.

In the semi, Marty Capasso, 207, Aston, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Amos Haynes, 217¼, Youngstown, Ohio. This was a slow, laborious bout, but both men tried hard and were rewarded with a $500 bonus as the "Prelim of the Night." There were no knockdowns, but Capasso's left hook had Haynes unsteady a few times. Scores were 6-1-1 (twice) and 5-2-1.

Charles Singleton, 172¾, Phila., TKO'd Don Wigfall, 171¼, Middleboro, Mass., at 2:12 of the fourth in a real crowd-pleaser. Wigfall came out winging punches from all angles, giving Singleton a rugged first round. Then Charlie's better boxing took over and he dropped Don with a left hook in the second. Wigfall tried to fight his way back, but was gradually worn down by Singleton's superior power and finally rescued by referee Joe Cortez in the fourth. He was getting banged around pretty good at the end, and the stoppage was timely.

Len Villers, 160, Youngstown, TKO'd Stanley Scott, 166, Cleveland, at 2:38 of the first. After being rocked by a couple of rights to the head, Scott turned away from Villers and ran around the ring. Referee Frank Cappuccino then stopped the fight. A bit hastily perhaps, but Scott was certainly not showing a whole lot of fight. Scott was very upset at the quick hook and went after Cappuccino yelling: "What did you stop it for? That's my style." It took several members of the commission and a couple of security guards to calm things down.

Joey Crabello, 127¾, N.Y.C., TKO'd Doug Pettiford, 125½, Wilmington, Del., at 1:53 of the second.

Judges—Bill Carrozza and Lindsey Tucker.

Promoters—Don Elbaum and Teddy Menas.

Attendance—800 (est.).

(05-03-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**The new version of the ESPN tournament got off to a rather inauspicious start with a couple of light heavyweight eliminations. Unlike the original tourney, that produced the likes of Dwight Braxton, Frank Fletcher, and Roger Stafford, this one is only a two-step process—one elimination and straight on to the finals. Whether-or-not this quicky method will develop the same quality fighters remains to be seen.

Quadir Muntaqim, 173½, Blackwood, N.J., scored a unanimous decision over Junior Edmond, 174½, Newark, N.J., in a sloppy, uneventful eight.

This was a poor clash of styles, resulting in an awful fight. All Muntaqim did was jump around the ring, telegraphing everything he threw. Edmonds, in the meantime, just stood around and posed for the TV cameras. All three votes went to Quadir: 5-3, 6-2 and 5-2-1. *The Ring* had it 3-3-2, feeling that neither man deserved to win.

In the other tourney bout, Alvino (Killer) Manson scored a unanimous decision over John Capobianco in a clinch-filled eight-round bore. The only bit of action came in the third, when Manson floored Capobianco twice with rights to the head. Other than that, both spent the entire evening locked in one embrace after another. The scores were: 4-3-1 and 7-1 (twice), all for Manson.

Manson, Indianapolis, and Capobianco, Huntington, N.Y., both weighed 174½. Manson will now face Muntaqim for the championship. Ugh!

In a non-tournament 10-rounder, Mark Harris, 148, Brooklyn (via Guyana) stopped Jeff Passero, 144¾, Michellville, Md., at 0:38 of the 10th. Harris, enjoying the best form of his career, was too classy for Passero. He ended the one-sided match with a pair of right uppercuts that dropped Jeff for an eight-count in the early moments of the 10th. Jeff bravely got up, but was ruled unfit to continue by referee Rudy Battle. The loser was bleeding from a cut over his right eye and also leaking claret form his mouth at the end.

Pedro Alindato, 117½, Paterson, N.J., won a majority decision over Alfredo Aleman, 119¾, N.Y.C., six.

Jose Martinez, 148, N.Y.C., destroyed Roland Williams, 142½, Atlantic City, with a series of devastating hooks from both hands. Time of the knockout: 1:07 of the first.

Clyde Graves, 146¾, Irvington, N.J., scored a unanimous decision over Josh Bethea, 147¾, Phila., over four.

Alternate referee—Frank Cappuccino.

Judges—Harold Lederman and Bobby Kimbrough.

TV—ESPN.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—700 (est.)

(05-06-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Chicago's Johnny Lira survived a second round knockdown to win a unanimous decision over Trevor Evelyn in a lackluster 10-rounder. The bout underlined just how far Lira has slipped since he challenged Ernesto Espana for the WBA lightweight belt back in 1979. He looked shopworn and ready for pasture.

Evelyn, 136½, Trenton, was brought in as a late sub when Lira's original opponent, Anthony Murray, pulled out with a shoulder injury 48 hours before fight time. Although Trevor had boxed a six-rounder in Queens only seven days prior, he was obviously in less-than-prime condition. After flooring Lira with a looping right to the head in the second, he faded quickly, allowing Johnny to plug away and steal home the points winner. All-in-all, a very dull affair. Scores were 5-4-1, 5-3-2, and 7-2-1.

In the "Prelim of the Night," Fred Pendleton, 130, bleeding from a cut over his left eye, rallied to stop Ray Evans, 128, at 2:50 of the fourth. Both men from Philadelphia.

Camden's Mike Tinley, 162, hammered crude, but willing Ron Ayers, 164¼, Cleveland, for a six-round unanimous decision. Tinley landed his best shots, but Ayers refused to fold.

Steven Floch stretched George Haden for a knockout in 1:06 of the first. Haden gave away 38 pounds to the 236-pound Floch, and went down the first time he was tagged. Floch, making his pro debut, is from New York. Haden fights (if you can call it that) out of Cleveland.

Sergio Bautista, 136, New York, scored a unanimous decision over Doremel Viruet, 133½, Jersey City, in a busy four-rounder that opened the show.

Referees—Joe Cortez and Joe O'Neil.

Judges—Richard F. Murry and Eva Shain.

Promoter—Don Elbaum and Ted Menas.

Attendance—1,200.

(05-11-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Hotel Casino—**A pair of NBC's Tomorrow's Champions emerged victorious in a nationally televised double-header. Both Alex Ramos and James (Hard Rock) Green added another scalp to their belts and took another step closer to their ultimate goal of world championship honors.

Ramos, known as the "Bronx Bomber," but now living and training in Philadelphia, beat up on Canadian Wayne Capplette, scoring a TKO at 1:13 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Although Capplette hit the deck a total of three times before it was over, he managed to test Ramos' chin and cut his eye between trips to the canvas. While it lasted, it was a free-swinging affair.

Ramos, 162, reddened Caplette's nose with crisp jabs in the first and then decked him with a left hook to the noggin in the second. Caplette, 162, got up full of fight and stalled Alex's advance with a left hook of his own. This guy was no pushover.

Caplette continued to land in the early part of the third, rocking Ramos with a left hook. Then Ramos opened up with both hands, flooring Wayne with a wicked combo at the bell.

They continued to trade heavy leather in the fourth, with Ramos suffering a gash under his right eye during the exchange. Caplette was making Ramos pay, but Alex's advantage in power eventually proved too much for the game Canadian to handle. A crushing right to the jaw dropped Wayne again in the fifth, and although he just beat the count, referee Joe Cortez wisely called a halt. As it was, he paid a visit to Atlantic City Medical Center.

There has always been some question about Ramos' chin. He *did* stand up under some decent shots this afternoon, but Caplette is not that great a puncher. The jury will remain out until Alex faces his first real puncher. He raised his record to 15-0, with 10 kayoes. Caplette dropped to 20-3, 14 kayoes, compiled mainly in places like Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In the other televised match, Green won a unanimous decision over "Irish" Ted Mann in a less-than-inspiring 10-rounder.

Mann, on a good run of late, turned in a very disappointing performance. In fact, he didn't start fighting until the 10th, and by then, it was way too late.

"In the first round, I could tell I was flat," reported Ted. "If I'd had a little more pep, I think I could have beat him. I beat myself."

Green, a short cannonball of a fighter, bulled forward from the start, eager to work. Mann, on the other hand, seemed only interested in survival. He let Green, 155½, do all the work and earn all the points. "Hard Rock's" left hook found Ted in most rounds, but never had him in any trouble.

Mann, always a bleeder, was cut on his left eyelid in the fourth, but the injury didn't play a major role in the outcome. It was Mann's reluctance to do anything that gave the fight away.

"Go for broke," screamed Mann's trainer, Carmen Graziano, but Ted never did until the final round, when he split Green's right eye open and scored with several big rights.

All three scores went to Green, 6-3-1, 5-3-2, and 7-2-1. *The Ring* could not give Mann more than three rounds at best. Green, who should try to stay a junior middle, upped his record to 13-1 (eight kayoes), while Mann slipped to 27-9 (15 kayoes). Ted came in at 159, and looked weak at the weight.

In another 10, Philadelphia's unbeaten Myron Taylor escaped with a draw against Texas trial-horse James Martinez in hard-fought match that probably would have gone to Martinez on neutral turf.

Taylor, 126½, started fast, gunning for a knockout. He soon found that Martinez was no turkey and down the stretch it was the veteran that looked the stronger, threatening to put Myron away in the seventh. It was all Taylor could do to last.

Referee Larry Hazzard voted for Martinez, 5-4-1, while judge Paul Cavaliere called it a 4-4-2 stalemate. Judge Harold Lederman, however, went for Taylor, 5-4-1. *The Ring* felt that Martinez's stronger finished earned him a 5-4-1 edge. All-in-all, quite an education for Taylor, who is now 13-0-1 (eight kayoes). Martinez is around 37-15-2 (16 kayoes), and still a tough test that all prospects must pass.

The best fight of a good card, was the eight-round brawl between Philadelphian Charlie (Cho Cho) Brown and Luis Mejias.

Mejias, 138¾, Miami, Florida, put Brown, 138½, down in the second with a right to the chin. Cho Cho was in bad shape, still out on his feet after beating the count. Mejias tried to finish him off, missing again and again as Brown rolled with the punches. Then as the round drew to a close, Brown came out of the fog and hurt Mejias with a barrage of his own.

Brown continued to rally, dumping Luis with a right-left in the fourth and cutting him over both eyes. Still, Mejias refused to give up. Trailing on all cards, he almost floored Brown again with another right in the eighth. The fans gave both fighters an extended round of applause.

Brown, a good banger with a china chin, upped his record to 16-2-1 with 13 kayoes. Mejias dropped to 8-5, but would be welcome back anytime.

James Pipps, 118¾, Vidor, Texas, looked good stopping Fernando Martinez, 120¾, Paterson, N.J., at 1:37 of the sixth. Pipps' East Coast debut was marred by the numbner of low blows he landed. Other than that, the 14-0 (12 kayoes) prospect seemed a worthy addition to the local scene.

David Sears, 178, New York, kayoed Curtis Crawford, 180, Newark, N.J., in 1:56 of the second. Ralph Cuomo, Long Island, N.Y., TKO'd Mark Fichtner, 191¾, Boonton, N.J., at 1:14 of the first.

Alternate referee—Larry Hazzard.

Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—1,045.

(05-16-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Claridge Hotel Casino—**When Jimmy Clark fell out of the main event, Kerry Judge moved up from the prelims, only to get belted out by Henry Porter, 201¼, St. Louis, at 0:42 of the eighth and final round. Judge, 204¼, Warminster, Pa., was behind on all three score cards and taking stick when referee Zack Clayton came to his rescue.

The quicker and harder punching of Bobby Johnson, 135, Easton, Pa., TKO'd Radames Ventura, 139, Santo Domingo, at 1:36 of the third. Ventura was down in the second and out on his feet at the end.

Andre (Sugarman) Cooper, 163, Blackwood, N.J., continued his string of cheap wins over all-too-easy opponents with a knockout over Pedro Montero, 163, Hempstead, Long Island, at the end of the first. A crushing right landed flush and put Montero away for the count.

In a classic of *shlock* boxing, oldies Robert Hill and Johnny Pitts stumbled through six rounds of comedy, with Hill getting the unanimous decision. Pitts, 197, Bridgeton, N.J., was down from a wild right in the second, but Hill, 198, Phila., never could land another haymaker.

Pablo Pizzaro, 179¾, Brooklyn, was having all sorts of trouble with Furquan Ali, 179, Newark, N.J., until Ali threw his shoulder out of joint in the fifth and was forced to pack it in. Time of the TKO: 2:52.

Understanding Allah (Yes, that's his name), 175, New York, TKO'd John Yeiter, 173¼, Phila., at 1:57 of the fourth.

Judges—Bill Carrozza and Lindsey Tucker.

Promoter—Joe Hand.

Attendance—500 (est.)

(05-17-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Heavyweight prospect Tony Tucker continued to improve, stopping Grady Daniels at 1:46 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Tucker, 210¼, Detroit, looked sharp, landing his battering ram jab and crisp combos. Daniels, 215, Sterling, Ill., took a lot of punishment, but kept trying. He was no setup, simply in over his head.

Leo Rogers, 178¾, Santo Domingo (via New York), scored a TKO over Rick Jester, 177, Detroit, at 0:27 of the third in a wild bout that had the fans in an uproar while it lasted.

Rogers seemed to be in charge of a sloppy mix when he inexplicably went down from a nothing right uppercut in the second. He scrambled up, claiming that he'd been thumbed. Moments later, Leo was down again from no apparent cause. In his haste to rush to a neutral corner, Jester accidentally kneed Rogers out at 2:35 of the second. Informed of his mistake, Venti, then restarted the fight, calling it the third round. Rogers charged out like a maniac and was all over Jester, forcing a halt. This time, nobody protested and Leo *stayed* the winner. Some fun!

Atlantic City's Joe Manley, 142, looked impressive scoring a TKO over Mike Blunt, 140¼, Dayton, Ohio, at 2:36 of the sixth. Blunt proved a very scrappy opponent, vainly trying to mix it up with Manley. The only thing that kept Blunt going was guts. Finally, a right spilled him and referee Vince Rainone called a halt. The match was voted "Prelim of the Night."

In a real laugher, Donny Long, 216¼, Columbus, Ohio, scored a majority decision over Jack Watkins, 217½, Cleveland, six. Entertaining, but crude.

Art Artwell, 209½, Chester, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Larry Latham, 194, Columbus, four. A dreadful fight, both looking scared to death of each other.

Judges—Tommy Kaczmarek, Harold Lederman, and Milo Savage.

Promoters—Don Elbaum and Teddy Menas.

(05-18-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Bobby Czyz had been out of action for four months due to a "severly bruised" right hand, suffered during his 10-round decision over Robbie Sims in January. He needed to test that hand on somebody's face, and Bobby (Iceman) Coolidge was chosen for the honor. These kind of warm-ups usually take place in some obscure venue or another, but because Czyz drew such high ratings for the Sims fight, NBC-TV was eager to televise even target practice like this—as long as it was Czyz that was doing all the landing.

Not wishing to hold the reader in suspense too long, we can tell you that Bobby's hand is just fine, thank you. If you don't believe us, ask Coolidge, who was rescued after four rounds of abuse from the same right hand that Czyz has been nursing.

Coolidge, 162¼, Foley, Minn., came to fight, but was not in Czyz's league. The "Iceman" came and came, while Czyz, 159½, Wanaque, N.J., countered him silly. A chopping right ripped open Coolidge's right eye in the third, and after more punishment in the fourth, Deputy Athletic Commissioner Bob Lee told referee Rudy Battle to stop the fight. Battle followed his boss' advice and Coolidge was not permitted to answer the bell for the fifth. Under New Jersey rules, it will go into the books as a fourth-round technical knockout.

Czyz's manager, Lou Duva, was thrilled with the result.

"We're looking for someone who is in the top 10 in the world. This is *the* kid. This is the guy that's going to take everything over."

Czyz, who dropped Coolidge in the first round, raised his record to 18-0, with 13 wins coming inside the distance.

"When he didn't go in the first, I stopped trying to knock him out," said Bobby. "I just let it happen, because he was winging away and not trying to pick his shots. I knew I would wear him out."

In the other bout televised over NBC's Sports World, Czyz's stablemate, Rocky Lockridge, scored a TKO over Jose Nieto at 2:31 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Lockridge, 125½, Maple Shade, N.J., protected his world rating with a classy display of boxing. A couple of years ago, when both men were hot prospects, this would have been a big fight. Now, it was merely another step for Rocky on the road to his second crack at the featherweight title. Nieto has already been exposed as little more than an honest club fighter.

Nieto, 125½, Bronx, marched bravely forward from the start, trying to work his way inside of Lockridge's superior reach. He had precious little success, Rocky's hands were way too fast for him. Jose never stopped swarming in, but his legs started to go in the sixth, and when a series of combinations staggered him in the eighth, referee Frank Cappuccino called a timely intervention.

Lockridge looked sharp. His right caught Nieto repeatedly and he never lost his composure going for a quicky. The effects of Rocky's knockout loss to Juan LaPorte seem to be gradually disintegrating with each succeeding victory. He's now 25-2, 20 kayoes.

Nieto gave it everything he had, but couldn't overcome his huge disadvantages in height and ability. He could still be useful, but not at a world-class level.

Sammy Ayala, 137, San Antonio, continued his comeback with an easy knockout over mismatched Tom Crowley, 138, Tipton, Iowa, at 1:41 of the second in another scheduled 10.

Ayala, the middle brother of contenders Tony and Mike, scored his third straight stoppage since he returned to the ring following an 18-month layoff, precipitated by double-hernia surgery. Sammy showed a good left hand (he's a southpaw), but Crowley didn't stick around long enough for us to see much else.

In another bout, optimistically billed for 10, Pinklon Thomas, 221, Philadelphia, TKO'd Luis Acosta, 214¼, Miami, at the end of the second. The last time Acosta came north, he was belted out by Tim Witherspoon. This time he went down from a jab (thumb?) in the eye in the second and stayed on his stool at the conclusion of the round. Let's hope we've seen the last of Acosta.

In the prelims, Vito Maselli, 139½, Elizabeth, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Sergio Bautista, 136, New York, six. Lamont Haithcoach, 149, Newark, N.J., scored a unanimous decision over Will Osborne, 147, Phila., six. Maurice (Thin Man) Blocker, 146, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Tony Reed, 148, Bronx, at 0:22 of the first.

Judges—Charles Spina and Richard F. Murry.
Promoter—Main Events.
Attendance—1,400 (capacity).
(05-23-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Middleweight John Bovenzi edged past Bobby Bland via a narrow majority decision after 10 rounds of lively slugging. Referee Zack Clayton scored the bout a 4-4-2 stalemate, but was overruled by judges William Carrozza and John Stewart, who both voted for Bovenzi, 5-4-1. *The Ring* concurred with Clayton.

Bovenzi, 160¼, Vineland, N.J., and Bland, 158¼, Toronto, Canada, took turns belting each other around the ring in a see-saw battle that was never really dominated by either. Bland made good use of his left hook, while Bovenzi scored often with his right. There were no knockdowns, despite a ton of leather landed by both.

Many of the crowd yelled for a draw at the conclusion, but Bovenzi got the nod. In Toronto, it would probably have gone the other way.

It was lucky that the main event proved so entertaining because the undercard was awful.

Undefeated lefty Vincent (The Blade) Christian, 123¼, Phila., scored a unanimous six-round decision over Sonny (Sunshine) Long, 123, Cincinnati, in a monotonous affair that was voted "The Prelim of the Night" for want of anything better.

Curtis Goins, 176½, New York, scored a split decision over Tim Eaton, 178½, New York, six.

Joey Carabello, 128½, New York, TKO'd Alfonso Mitchell, 129¾, Phila., at 2:35 of the second.

Donocan (Razor) Ruddock, 183, Toronto, scored a majority decision over Arthur Hall, 172½, Irvington, N.J., four. Ruddock showed potential, but didn't seem to know what to do with it.

Alternate Referee—Joe Cortez.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Promoter—Don Elbaum and Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,200 (est.).
(06-01-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**Poor Howard Davis just can't seem to please anybody these days. Tonight's victory over Julio (Diablito) Valdez was no exception. Davis boxed circles around Valdez, knocking him down in the fifth and taking the unanimous decision by scores of 9-0-1, 9-1-0, and 8-1-1. Still, his critics were not appeased. They say that Howard can't punch and that he really doesn't like fighting. Well, he never could punch all that hard and has often admitted that there are things he'd rather do than slug people in the face. Nevertheless, the former Olympian is an extremely gifted boxer and could still win a world title, providing his desire is kept alive.

Valdez is getting rather shopworn after recent knockout loses to Ray Mancini and John Verderosa. A snappy left-right dropped him in the fifth, but he jumped up immediately and showed grit surviving Davis' all-out attack in the ninth. In that session, Howard loaded up with his right and landed a dozen clean head-shots.

Davis, a trim 133¼, raised his pro record to 17-1 (six kayoes), with his lone defeat coming against Jim Watt in a 1980 title bid. Valdez, 134¼, slipped to 19-12-1 (three kayoes).

Welterweights Jerry Cheatham and Robert Sawyer emerged winners in the semi-final round of the new ESPN tournament. They will lock horns for the championship later this season.

Cheatham, 146¾, Phoenix, Arizona, outpunched Sammy Horne, 145½, Anderson, South Carolina, in a stirring eight-round brawl. The ESPN phone lines lit up with irate calls from South Carolina when Cheatham was awarded a majority decision, but except for a couple of big rounds, Jerry had it all the way.

Referee Rudy Battle scored the fight a draw, 3-3-2, but judge Richard F. Murry saw Cheatham a lopsided winner, 7-1. Judge Tommy Kaczmarek also went for Cheatham, but by a slender 4-3-1 margin. *The Ring* thought that Cheatham's steady punching earned him a clear 6-2 advantage.

Southpaw Sawyer, 146½, Washington, D.C., won a split decision over Ernest Jackson, 147, Phila., in a so-so eight. Sawyer had stopped Jackson inside of two in a previous meeting, but was forced to travel the entire distance to tally a win in the rematch. His quick flurries had Jackson off stride and bleeding from the nose for most of the fight. The Philadelphian did succeed in finally hurting Sawyer in the last round, but it was way too late. Scores were 5-3 and 4-3-1 for Sawyer, with a lone 5-3 dissenting vote for Jackson.

In the preliminaries, Jim Degree, 179, Yonkers, scored a split decision over Rick Harris, 178¾, New York, four. Jose Rosa, 140, Bronx, drew with Sam (Hurricane) Carter, 141, Brooklyn, four. Xavier Biggs, 147½, Philadelphia, drew with Wardell Freeman, 147, Washington, D.C., four.

Alternate Referee—Frank Cappuccino.
Television—ESPN
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—1,000 (est.)
(06-03-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Whitehope middleweight prospect Jeff McCracken survived a cut left eye to win a majority 10-round decision over Ben Serrano. Referee Joe Cortez somehow came up with a 4-4-2 draw, but judges Tommy Kaczmarek and Milo Savage saw that justice was done with 5-4-1 and 6-3-1 scores for McCracken.

Serrano, 158¼, Warminster, Pa., is a pretty tough customer and better than his dismal 4-10-1 (one kayo) record would indicate. McCracken's superior boxing kept him in front, but he knew he'd been in a fight.

McCracken, 159¾, Sand Point, Idaho, is now 16-0 (12 kayoes). He has become a regular at the Trop, scoring his last three wins here.

Southpaw Ricky Whitt, 148, High Point, North Carolina, (now boxing out of Philly) scored a unanimous eight-round decision over wild-swinging Sam Gervin, 145¾, Columbus, Ohio, in an entertaining brawl that was voted "Preliminary of the Night."

Whitt walked into a lot of sucker rights, but worked at a steady pace to earn the nod by scores of 5-2-1, 5-1-2, and 6-1-1. A left hook spilled Gervin in the second for the only knockdown of the fight. The unbeaten Whitt is now 12-0 (nine-kayoes), while Gervin is around 11-14.

Charlie Singleton, 175, Philadelphia, won a very unpopular decision over old pro Mario Rosa, 178, Patterson, N.J., in a fast-paced six. Both men tossed plenty of leather, with the left-handed Rosa rocking Singleton a few times with hooks to the head. Charlie stayed cool and punched back to edge a lively contest by scores of 3-2-1 and 4-1-1 (twice). *The Ring* thought Mario did enough to earn a draw, 2-2-2. The fans booed, but Singleton remains unbeaten with a 13-0 (nine kayoes) record.

Cleveland's Jack (Attack) Watkins, 215, upset previously undefeated Pete Minott, 223½, New York, in a sloppy, but hard-fought, six. Watkins' slap-dash attack kept the huge Minott off balance and on the defensive most of the fight. It was Pete's first loss in nine pro outings. The winner took two scorecards, 3-2-1 and 4-2, while the other was a 2-2-2 stalemate.

Atlantic City's Eduardo Torres, 138½, TKO'd game Calvin Mason, 143½, Paterson, at 1:01 of the fourth following a brisk mix of newcomers. A left hook knocked Mason's mouthpiece flying and referee Cortez called a halt.

Alternate Referee—Larry Hazzard.
Promoter—Elbaum-Menas Productions.
Attendance—(800 est.)
(06-08-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲ **RICHMOND HILL—RKO Theatre—**Local hero Michael DeLaRue, 155, sold out the hall despite Noah's Ark conditions outside and nobody you ever heard of in support. Mike wasted little time with poor Ricky Davis, 153, Columbus, Ohio, scoring two knockdowns and a hearty TKO win at 2:20 of round one. Tony Perez, referee. DeLaRue is now 10-0 with eight kayoes.

Milton (Mad Dog) Guest, 150, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., TKO'd Calvin Cook, 148, Camden, N.J., at 1:29 of the first. Referee Randy Neumann halted matters after Cook had been down twice. Guest is now 7-1 with six knockouts.

Russell Kain, 160, Brooklyn, outpointed so-so Robert Thomas, 160½, Philadelphia, six.

John Fanea, 154, Yonkers, won a unanimous verdict over Billy White, 152, Bridgeport, six.

Last minute sub Rodney Watts, 135, Cincinnati, won a narrow upset verdict over Gregory Brooks, 135½, Queens, four.

Raphael Morel, 152, Bronx, punches his way to a decision over Billy Thompson, 153, Mt. Vernon, in an action four-round bout.

Troy Darrell, 142½, New Rochelle, N.Y., TKO's Ricky Holden, 149, Illinois (now based in Queens), at 0:55 of the fourth canto.

Attendance—500 (est.).
(04-26-82)

▲ **RICHMOND HILL—RKO Theatre—**This arena, still running bi-weekly cards, has switched matchmakers from Gene Moore to Ron Katz, and the result was that no name fighters were on the card tonight. Mr. Moore, who has many, many friends in the business, has opened a competing club in the Elmhurst section of Queens, and, in a war like this, there can only be two losers, as there aren't enough good fighters to go around.

John Fanea, 154, Yonkers, upped his record to 9-3 (five kayoes) by knocking out Matador Loving, 154, Bronx, in 1:02 of the third round in the scheduled eight-frame main event.

Roberto Mejia, 142, Bronx, overcame a flash knockdown at the end of the second to outpoint Bryant Ware, 141, Brooklyn, six. Mejia is now 5-0.

Late sub Alex Arias, 142, New York, outpointed Cesar Guzman, 141, Paterson, N.J., six.

Rodney Watts, 136, Staten Island, outscored George Casher, 135, Queens, in a mild upset, six.

Bobby Thompson, 154, Mt. Vernon, TKO'd Frank Sheehan, 153, Troy New York, at 0:58 of the fourth round. Paul Venti, referee.

Ferdo Skhrelli, 144½, Bronx, outpointed Gil McCoy, 142½, White Plains, four.

REferees—Luis Rivera, Paul Venti
Attendance—275 (est.).
(05-10-82)

▲ **RICHMOND HILL—RKO Theatre—**Milton (Mad Dog) Guest, 147, Yonkers, TKO'd Dennis John, 148½, New York, at 1:43 of the fifth round in the scheduled eight-round main event. Harold Valan, referee. Guest, who'd lost to John in a previous contest, is now 8-1 with seven kayoes.

Charles Vanderhall, 197, Hempstead, New York, won a split decision over Merlin Castellanos, 192, Bronx, six.

Dennis Cruz, 135, Bronx, TKO'd last minute sub Greg Washington, 130, Monmouth, New Jersey, at 0:42 of the eighth and final round. Fred Ucci, referee. Cruz is now 10-0 with nine knockouts.

Four-rounders: Sam Lee Young, 139, Troy, New York, TKO'd Gilbert McCoy, 140, Mount Vernon, New York, at 2:24 of the fourth round. Eddie Belfiore, 159, Bronx, outpointed Jose Serano, 162½, Springfield, Mass. Greg Stepheny, 215, Brooklyn, outscored John Flavin, 201, Troy. Ferdo Skhrelli, 148, Bronx, outpointed Brian Davis, 143½, Brooklyn.

This program marked the state judging debut of former heavyweight contender Coley Wallace, who beat Rocky Marciano as an amateur and played the title role in *The Joe Louis Story*.

Attendance—250 (est.).
(05-24-82)

CHARLES D. BROWN

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Two "so what" 10-rounders headlined.

Mike McCallum, 155, Jamaica, knocked out Reggie Ford, 154, Georgetown, Guyana, in 2:01 of the fourth round. John LoBianco, referee.

Jose (The Threat) Baret, 148, Dominican Republic, kayoed Homer Jackson, 145, Alachua, Florida, in 1:26 of the second. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Eric Windbush, 178, Brooklyn, won a majority decision over southpaw Bernard McClean, Jersey City, eight. Scoring: referee Santarpia, 6-2; judge Tony Castellano, 4-3-1; judge Ray Kozak, 3-3-2.

Andres Tena, 123, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Edwin Santiago, 121, Hoboken, New Jersey, at 1:16 of the sixth round in their scheduled eight. Bill Tate, referee.

Carl (The Truth) Williams, 220, White Plains, New York, TKO'd Louis (The Great) Alexander, 242½, Baltimore, at 2:24 of round two in their scheduled six. John LoBianco, referee.

Willie Stalling, 174, Hempstead, New York, won a unanimous decision over Marcus Jackson, 175, Hartford, Conn., eight. Joe Santarpia, referee. Scoring: all cards 7-1.

Roland (Two Gun) Cooley, 127, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Tirso Marte, 130, Dominican Republic, eight. Bil Tate, referee. Scoring: Tate and Kozak, both 7-0-1; Castellano, 7-1.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Attendance—1,441. Gross—$13,383.35
(04-30-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**This; the first in a series of weekly cards, saw Hector (Macho) Camacho, 130, New York, retain his NABF junior lightweight title by blitzing Refugio Rojas, 128, Los Angeles, in 1:30 of the first round. Three knockdowns brought about the automatic stoppage. Tony Perez referee.

Camacho is now 15-0 with eight kayoes. Rojas is 17-9 with 12 knockouts.

Robert (Pee Wee) Rucker, 139, New York, scored the biggest win of his career with a split decision over Domingo Ayala, also 139, Carolina, P.R., in the 10-round semi-final. Rucker was aggressive all the way, and Ayala was unable to get set to throw his vaunted hook. The exception was in the first round, when Rucker got careless after catching Ayala with a right, and ran into Domingo's first (and only) weapon for a knockdown. Scoring: referee Vinnie Ferguson, 5-3-2 (5-4 in points), Rucker; judge Arties Aidala, 7-3 (7-4), Rucker; judge Al Reid, 5-5 (6-5), Ayala.

Rucker is now 9-1 with eight kayoes. Ayala is 14-4-1 with 10 knockouts.

Another scheduled 10 saw Edwin Luis Rivera, 127, Jersey City, win a unanimous decision over "Sweet" Roberto Vinas, also 127, New York. Scoring: referee Sid Rubenstein, 6-3-1; judge Aidala, 6-4 (6-5); judge Reid, 6-4. Rivera is now 14-10 with five kayoes. Vinas is 7-2 with three knockouts. Roberto was floored in round five.

Pedro Vilella, 144½, New York, and Tom Moody, 145, Canton, Ohio, drew, eight. Scoring: referee Rubenstein, 4-2-2; judge Reid, 4-4; judge Aidala, 5-2-1, Vilella. Vilella is now 8-0-1 with three kayoes. Moody is 8-2-3 with five knockouts.

Mike Martinez, 158, Brooklyn, kayoed Roberto Bera, 154, New York, in 1:21 of the second in the opening four-rounder. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(05-21-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Juan Laporte, 126, New York, retained his USBA featherweight title by countering Alberto Collazo, 125½, Pittsburgh, almost without letup until a possible clavicle fracture forced the challenger to retire at the end of round five. Arthur Mercante, referee.

Laport is now 20-3 with 12 kayoes. Collazo is 19-8-1 with 12 knockouts.

The 10-round main support saw Jose (The Threat) Baret, 151, Dominican Republic, display pile driving power to blitz "Gentleman" Greg Young, 153, Akron, Ohio, at 1:02 of the first. Johnny Colan, referee.

Baret, who may be ready for the top 10 welters, is now 10-0 with nine kayoes. Young is 6-4 with four knockouts.

Clarence Hill, 210, New Rochelle, New York, won a virtual shutout unanimous verdict over Leroy Boone, 223, Alexandria, Virginia, eight. Scoring: referee Arthur Mercante and judge Ray Kozak, both 8-0, with Kozak making it 11-0 in points by giving Hill two two-point rounds; judge Eva Shain, 7-1. Hill is now 11-0, with all his previous wins coming by kayo. Boone is 15-11 with six knockouts.

Carl (The Truth) Williams, 222, White Plains, New York, kayoed Donny Townsend, 187, Columbus, Ohio, in 1:29 of the first round in a scheduled six. Johnny Colan, referee.

Troy Darrell, 156, White Plains, TKO'd Mike Grant, 160, Philadelphia, at 2:27 of the third round in their scheduled six. Charley Norkus, referee.

Juan Ramon Cruz, 130½, Bronx, New York (formerly of Santurce, P.R.), TKO'd Angel Pablo Ortiz, 131½, New York, at 1:59 of the first round in their scheduled six. Charley Norkus, ref.

Elvis Cuevas, 175, New York, knocked Steve Jackson, 171, New York, down twice with rights and stopped him at 2:54 of the third round in the scheduled four-round opener. Charley Norkus, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Attendance—1,748. Gross—$26,800.95.
(05-28-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Cocoa Sanchez, 136, Dominican Republic, won a split decision over Efrain Nieves, 132, Milwaukee, a southpaw, in the evening's 10-round main event.

Sanchez had too much experience for the talented Nieves, who drops to 12-1 with nine kayoes. Cocoa is 26-9-1 with seven knockouts. Scoring: referee Vincent Rainone, 7-3, Sanchez; judge Artie Levine, 7-3, Nieves; judge Coley Wallace, 4-2-4, Sanchez.

Euclides Valdez, 172, Brooklyn, and Willie (The Bull) Taylor, 175, Brooklyn, drew in the 10-round co-feature. Judge Artie Levine carded 7-3, Valdez, but referee Joe Cortez and judge Wallace both had it even—4-4-2 and 3-3-4, respectively. Valdez is now 9-0-1 with seven knockouts. The veteran Taylor is 11-11-4 with six kayoes.

Allen Brasswell, 138, Brooklyn, won a split decision over Nelson (Rocky) Ortiz, 141, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, eight. Scoring: referee Bill Tate, 5-2-1, Brasswell; judge Levine, 4-3-1, Ortiz; judge Wallace, 4-1-3, Brasswell. Allen is now 9-1 with six kayoes. Ortiz is 7-1-1 with seven knockouts.

Eddie Gregg, 216, Kew Gardens, Queens, New York, TKO'd Roger Troupe, 212, Cleveland, at 2:51 of the second in their scheduled eight-rounder. Referee Rainone stopped the contest after Troupe had been knocked down. Gregg is now 10-0-1, with all his wins coming by kayo.

Hector Sanchez, 123½, won a split verdict over Roland (Two Gun) Cooley, 125, Philadelphia, eight. Scoring: referee Cortez, 4-3-1 (5-3 in points), Sanchez; judge Levine, 4-4 in rounds but 5-4, Sanchez, in points; judge Wallace, 6-2, Cooley. Roland, a southpaw, was knocked down in the last round; that proved the difference.

Simon Ramos, 156, Bronx, New York, won a majority decision over Leslie Ford, 153, Brooklyn, four. Scoring: referee Tate, 2-2; judges Levine and Wallace, 4-0 and 2-2 (3-2 in points), respectively, for Ramos.

Southpaw Luis Gonzalez, 110½, Bronx, won a unanimous decision over Izzy Ortiz, 106, Bronx, in the four-round opener. all cards read 3-1, with referee Bill Tate giving Ortiz an extra point for a first round knockdown.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(06-04-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden—**Four "live" bouts preceded the closed circuit telecast of the Holmes-Cooney title bout.

Talented Mike McCallum, 155, Kingston, Jamaica, won a unanimous decision over Kevin Perry, 156, Philly, 10. Scoring: referee John LoBianco, 9-1 (13-1 in points); judge Tony Castellano, 7-3; judge Harold Lederman, 8-2. McCallum, who had to go the distance for the first time, is now 15-0 with 14 kayoes. Perry is 7-2 with seven knockouts.

Sensational, hard punching Michael de la Rue, 151, Richmond Hill, New York, stopped Orlando Montalvo, 148½, Stamford, Conn., at 2:27 of the second round in a scheduled eight. A flurry, punctuated by a left hook, dropped Orlando for a nine-count, and referee Billy Graham stopped the bout. De la Rue is now 11-0 with nine knockouts. Montalvo is 17-6 with seven kayoes.

Carl (The Truth) Williams, 220, White Plains, was too rangy for "the Fighting Postman," Barry Funches, 202, New York and referee Luis Rivera stepped in at 2:40 of the sixth and final round. Williams is now 5-0 with four kayoes. Funches is 9-6-1 with three knockouts.

Hector Melendez, 130, New York, won a split decision over Greg (The Weasel) Reid, also 130, Bronx, four. Scoring: referee Rivera, 2-1-1, Reid; judge Castellano, 2-1-1, Melandez; judge Lederman, 3-1 (3-2 in points), Melendez.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(06-11-82)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ **ELMHURST, QUEENS—Roller Park—**A new, low-key promotional group quietly opened shop at this colorful location and staged a bang-up small club show. Calling themselves "Pro Rank" (reportedly made up of non-boxing people Mike Marciano, Bill Sheinker, and Tony Del Gais), they borrowed matchmaker Gene Moore from Richmond Hill Arena, Slam-Bang's license, Momentum Enterprises' canvas, and reputedly the old ring light from St. Nick's to put together an excellent program reminiscent of New York's glory days.

The main event was about as good as one could ask for, with Kato Wilson, 135½, Park Slope, Brooklyn, stopping Pat Brennan, 140½, Plainedge, Long Island, at 1:32 of the eighth and final round. All eight rounds saw furious action, with Brennan using his reach to batter Kato almost at will in the first half. But Wilson showed the proverbial "ton of heart," keeping up a relentless attack until the tide began to turn in the middle rounds. With the fight just about even going into the last round, Kato floored the exhausted Brennan and had him too worn out to defend himself when referee Herb Kronowitz stopped the bout.

Trevor Evelyn, 136, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, won a majority decision over crowd pleaser Greg Washington, 136, Elizabeth, N.J., six.

Bobby (The Boss) Thompson, 154, Mount Vernon, N.Y., demolished local favorite Tommy Amato, 155, Massapequa, Long Island, with two knockdowns in 1:17 of the first.

Teddy Jackson, 143, Hempstead, Long Island, TKO'd Bobby (Too Sweet) Bostick, 148, Jamaica, Queens, at 3:00 of the third.

Brian Davis, 144½, South Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Gilbert McCoy, 142½, Mount Vernon, four.

Referees—Herb Kronowitz, Sid Rubenstein.

Judges—Carol Castellano, Leo Dazzo.
(05-04-82)

J.R. JOWETT

▲ **ROCHESTER—War Memorial Auditorium—**North American Boxing Federation junior middleweight champ Rocky Fratto, 158, Geneva, New York, won a majority decision over 6'2" Jesus (Pecho) Castro, also 158, Santo Domingo, D.R., 10. Scoring: referee Frank Adams, 4-4-2; judge Don Nodecker, 7-3; judge Sam Marcusfield, 9-1. Fratto is now 26-1.

Tony Tucker, 210, Detroit, Mich., TKO'd Charles Atlas, 220, Monroe, Louisiana, with three knockdowns in 2:05 of the first. Tucker is now 13-0. This was scheduled for 10.

Pablo DeJesus, 165, Rochester, TKO'd Maros Larrious, 162, New York, at 2:54 of round two in a scheduled eight. Larry White, referee. DeJesus, a stablemate of Fratto, is now 4-0.

Charles Britt, 142, Syracuse, kayoed Robert Coleman, 140, Montgomery, Alabama, at 2:03 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Britt is now 2-1.

Wesley Shuler, 140, Syracuse, won a majority decision over Jim Giambelluca, 142, Buffalo, four. Shuler is now 3-0-1.

Clarence Hudson, 122, Syracuse, TKO'd Sharkey Hussan, 121, Troy, New York, at 1:42 of the second in a scheduled four. Frank Adams, referee. Hudson is now 3-0.

Tom Bennett, 184, Rochester, won a majority decision over John Flavin, 190, Averill Park, New York, four.

Timekeeper—Bob Olsen.

Announcer—Dick Tobin.

Canastota Boxing Club.

Attendance—2,361.

Gross—$21,495.
(06-05-82)

JIM LEO

NEVADA

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Sands Hotel—**"The Sands Enters The Ring" was the story behind a five-bout card that marked the debut of the newly remodeled Sands Hotel onto the Las Vegas boxing scene. And the 1,000 seat Sands Ballroom was packed to capacity, despite the relatively lackluster bouts on the card.

James (Quick) Tillis, 213, Chicago, kayoed Jerry Williams, 218, Fayetteville, N.C., in 2:53 of the third round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Richard Green, referee.

Tillis is now 21-1 with 17 kayoes.

Anthony Davis, 197, TKO'd Jeff Podgurski, 190, at 2:20 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10-round alley brawl. David Pearl, referee.

Dale Grant, 184¾, and Young Joe Louis, also 184¾, had their scheduled 10 declared a technical draw at 1:20 of round two. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Rigoberto Lopez, 151, won a unanimous decision over Joe Serna, 156, six. Scoring: Duane Ford, 59-54; Hal Miller, also 59-54; Paul Smith, 60-53. David Pearl, referee.

Bobby Rizzo, 127¼, won a unanimous verdict over Phil Watford, 124½, six. Scoring: Ford and Smith, both 60-54; Miller, 60-54. Richard Green, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—1,000.

Gross—$10,000.
(03-13-82)

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel—**John Tate, 241, itching for another shot at his former WBA title, won a unanimous decision over Leroy Caldwell, 201, Las Vegas, 10. Scoring: Duane Ford, 99-91; Dalby Shirley, 97-93; Chuck Minker, 98-92. David Pearl, referee.

Tate is now 25-2. Caldwell is 23-24-5.

Bruce Curry, 142¾, knocked out Danny Favella, 142, in 2:13 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10.

Curtis Ramsey, 154½, won a unanimous decision over Graylin Curry, also 154½, Bruce's younger brother, 10. Graylin is now 9-2.

Lupe Aquino, 148, won a unanimous verdict over Moe Moliere, 146¾, eight. Aquino is now 14-0.

Former Las Vegas Golden Gloves champ Jimmy Jackson, 133, stopped Phil Watford, 126, at 1:35 of the sixth and final round. Jackson is now 5-0 as a professional.

Danny Patino, 133½, won a unanimous duke over Manny Cordoza, 134, in the four-round opener.

Top Rank, Inc.
(03-25-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel—**Freddie Roach, 127½, Phoenix, Arizona, returned to action after nearly a year's lay-off due to an injured and reinjured knuckle on his right hand and had no trouble winning a unanimous decision over Juan Veloz, 125¾, ten.

Scoring: judge Paul Smith, 99-92; judge Charles Minker and judge Jerry Roth, both 97-93. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Freddie is now 26-1.

Ricky Weigel, 155½, TKO'd Pedro Guerrero, 154, at 1:31 of round five in a scheduled ten. Joey Curtis, referee.

Carlton (Two Gun) Sparrow, 130, brought his undefeated record to 19-0 by stopping Leon Smith, 131, at 2:08 of the second round in their scheduled ten. Glenn Powell, referee. This was Sparrow's 14th kayo.

Pepper Roach, 122, Freddie's brother, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Juan Barbosa, 123½, six. Scoring: all three judges (Dalby Shirley, Duane Ford, and Dave Moretti), 60-54. Joey Curtis, referee.

Stan Butler, 223, halted ex-footballer David McCann, 237½, at 1:31 of round two in the scheduled six-round opener. Carlos Padilla, referee.
(05-17-82)

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel—**Mark Holmes, 160, brother of heavyweight champion Larry, scored an easy TKO over Mike Baker, 159¾, at 2:34 of round four in their scheduled ten. Ferd Hernandez, referee. Mark is now 20-0. Lackluster exhibitions by Larry Holmes and Gerry Cooney were also on the card.

James (The Heat) Kinchen, 162½, also ran his undefeated record to 20-0 by knocking out Alejos Rodriguez, 159, at 1:13 of round four in their scheduled ten. Davey Pearl, referee.

Billy Costello, 140, dropped Felix Favella, 139½, once enroute to a TKO at 1:32 of round three in a scheduled ten. Harry Krause, referee.

Eddie Davis, 171½, KO'd Charles Smith, 169½, with a hard right, at 2:24 of round two in a scheduled ten. Joey Curtis, referee.

Vince Costello, 131¾, won a unanimous decision over Joe Phillips, 134, after Phillips took the bout on a few hours notice. Scoring: judge Larry Clark, 59-55; judges Jerry Roth and Dave Shirley, both 60-54. Davey Pearl, referee.

Mike Ruelas, 149, and Louis Santana, 151¾, fought their four round bout to a draw. Ferd Hernandez, referee.
(05-23-82)

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel—**Gonzalo Montellano, 137½, the WBC's fourth-ranked lightweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Roland Avila, 136½, ten. Avila was a last minute substitute for Leonardo Cruz, who withdrew the day before the fight.

Scoring: judge Alan Adler, 99-91; judge Hal Miller and judge Jerry Roth, both 98-92. Richard Green, referee.

Blaine Dickson, 134, won a near shutout unanimous decision over Darrell Stovall, 135½, ten. Scoring: judge Alan Adler 100-90; judge Hal Miller and judge Jerry Roth, both 99-91. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Pepper Roach, 124, the brother of Fred Roach, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Barboza, 125¾, six. The bout was Roach's second in the pro ranks, both victories coming at the Showboat within ten days.

Scoring: judge Hal Miller 60-55; judges Jerry Roth and Hal Miller, both 60-54. Glenn Powell, referee.

Jack (The Ripper) Alvalez, 147½, scored a first round kayo over Andres Obregon, 149, in 2:56 of round one in their scheduled six. Glenn Powell, referee.

Larry Yazzie, 141½, won a unanimous decision over Henry Drummond, 147, in the six-round opener. All three judges scored it 58-56. Carlos Padilla, referee.
(05-27-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

OHIO

▲ **MARION—Veterans Memorial Coliseum—**Jeff Jordan, 202, Columbus, upped his professional record to 9-1 with a unanimous decision over Frank (The Favorite) Farmer, 215, Columbus, six.

"Irish" Kenny Murphy, 165, Williamson, West Virginia, drove Tom Huston, 167, Columbus, through the ropes with a vicious right hand to the body in the first round, and then sent him to the canvas for the 10-count with a left hook to the jaw early in the second. Huston's ribs were broken during the scheduled six-round contest.

Donny (Pretty Boy) Townsend, 195, Columbus, outscored Scott Huston, 187, North Columbus, in their six round slugfest.

Don (Cobra) Copley, 226, Whitehall, kayoed "Rockin' " Ray Johnson, 220, Cleveland, with a left hook to the temple followed by a right to the liver in 1:45 of the first round in a scheduled four. Copley is now 5-0 with four first round kayoes.

Collins (Killer) Kellar, 153, South Columbus, stopped Mack Farley, 155, North Columbus, at 1:10 of the second. Farley's nose was broken.

Ed (Rocky) Temple, 168, Gahanna, TKO'd Jeff Jones, 172, Columbus, at 1:22 of the second.

"Sugar Bear" Pfeifer, 215, Marion, knocked out Bob (Man Mountain) Wilson, 240, Mt. Gilead, with a combo in 2:30 of the first.

Bill Chapin, 152, Columbus, TKO'd Paul Farley, 157, North Columbus, early in round three of the opening four.

Referees—Walt Dolder, Dan O'Malley.

Judges—Paul Carbetta, Tony Pignatelli, Bob Smith.

Timekeeper—Ben Melnik.

Promoter—Sammy Lowenthal.

Matchmaker—Pat Zill.

Attendance—2,400 (est.)
(04-27-82)

DAN O'MALLEY

OREGON

▲ **PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—**Louie Loy, 134, who won the northwest junior lightweight title three weeks earlier with a second round kayo of Ronnie Romero, won the northwest lightweight crown with a majority decision over defending champion Frank (The Preacherman) Moultrie, 135, 12. The hard hitting 21-year-old Loy says he'll stay at junior lightweight, while Moultrie, now 15-6, says he'll move to junior welter.

Roy Hernandez, 132, Fresno, Calif., outscored Portland's Brian Tinker, 128, in a bloody 10-round struggle that drew a shower of money totaling more than $100. Hernandez is 32 years old; Tinker's 22.

James (Sweet Baby) Manning, 118, Eugene, Oregon, knocked out K.O. artist Marcello Camacho, 119, with a perfect right hand to the chin in 1:45 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Manning is now 10-3, and getting faster and smarter with every bout.

Rene Garcia, 135, won a split decision over Francisco Velez, also 135, Fresno, six.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Paul Weitzel, Ben Laford, and the alternate ref.

Promoter—Dolores McNally.

Attendance—1,504. Gross—$14,005.

(04-08-82)

▲ **PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—**James (Sweet Baby) Manning, 118, Eugene, abandoned his usual classy boxing, came out with search-and-destroy tactics, and used body shots followed by a right cross to the head to put Mark Pacheco, also 118, down three times before the ref stopped the slaughter at 2:41 of the first. Manning who won the northwest bantam title in this scheduled 12-rounder, is now 11-3 with seven kayoes. Pacheco is 10-8.

Darryl (Little Train) Penn, 147, TKO'd southpaw Francisco Roche, also 147, Cuba, with a megaton right that opened a huge gash in Roche's left eyebrow at the end of round six. Penn is now 22-14-1. Roche is 8-2-1.

Charles (Machine Gun) Carter, 161, halted Brian (The Animal) Ballieu, Everett, Wash., 2:25 of round three.

Curtis Azevedo, 174, blasted Leroy James, 180, through the ropes, and the ref stopped the bout at 0:44 of round six.

Jihad Karriem, 155, won a unanimous decision over Gordy Lawson, 157.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.

Promoter—Dolores McNally.

Attendance—1,210. Gross—$11,178

(05-06-82)

▲ **EUGENE—Exhibition Hall—**It was billed as the "Return of Pro Boxing" in Eugene, but Ibar (The Sailor) Arrington did not come back. True, he was in the ring with Harvey Steichen for the 10 full rounds, but it wasn't exactly a fight. The compassionate Steichen gently carried the incompetent and fragile Ibar from the first bell to the last.

Arrington, of Everett, Wash., had insisted on another try in the ring despite a two-year lay-off and suspension by the Washington State Commission. He passed the medical exams demanded by the Eugene commission, but the tests obviously weren't geared to detect the things that have gone bad for Ibar. Steichen took every round on our card, and on that of judge Buzz Buzalsky. But the official decision was a ridiculous draw, with the other two judges calling it even. The crowd loved it.

"Golden" Guy Villegas, 135, outstanding amateur from Eugene, turned pro by larruping a game but totally outclassed Randall Lanza, 142½, to take a unanimous decision after four. Lanza is now 0-6.

Andy Brown, 175, Portland, halted Tim Cude, also 175, Eugene, at 1:09 of the third round with a textbook uppercut.

Roosevelt Green, 160, Seattle, won a unanimous decision over Joe Banks, also 160, Portland.

Pat Jefferson, 140, South Dakota, gave a very classy boxing lesson to not-so-bad-himself Jimi Johnson, Seattle, eight. Jefferson won via unanimous decision in what was called the Fight of the Night.

Referees—Phil Moyer, Boone Kirkman.

Judges—Buzz Buzalsky, Cord Davis, Don Thompson.

Promoters—Rich Danner, Dennis Harrington.

Attendance—1,300. Gross—$11,000.

(05-08-82)

▲ **PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—**Gordie Racette, 211, Nanaimo, B.C., knocked Pete Young, 209, Denver, twice with body punches in the fourth round and knocked him out in 0:12 of the fifth. Racette is now 17-2 with 15 kayoes, his only losses coming against Jimmy Young and Trevor Berbick.

Bobby (Duke's) Newcomb, 119, won a unanimous decision over USBA ranked flyweight Ron Cisneros, 117, Denver, eight. The close upset moves Newcomb to 7-1. Cisneros is 17-3.

Delbert Williams, 160, Portland, TKO'd Victor Deloney, 151, Seattle, at 1:41 of the fifth.

Benji Marquez, 127, Denver, knocked out Rubin Perales, 128, Los Angeles, with a left hook in 0:16 of the first. Add that to the list of fast kayoes!

Doug Holiman, 162, Portland, battered Frankie Duran, 165, Seattle, back into retirement. Duran did not come out for the fifth round.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.

Promoter—Dolores McNally.

Attendace—1,135. Gross-$10,500.

(05-27-82)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ **SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center—**Johnny Turner, 147, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Roberto Colon, 149, Lowell, Mass., ten. Scoring: referee Hank Cisco, 49-43; judge Frank Adams, 46-44; judge Jack Castellani, 47-45. Truner, handled by Vern DePaul, is now 40-3-5.

Mike Addesa, 175, Old Forge, Pa., TKO'd Pete Brodsky, 174, Long Island, New York, at 1:46 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Hank Cisco, referee. Addesa, a former Duke University footballer, is now 11-1.

Russell Kane, 158, New York, won a unanimous decision over Mike Brennan, also 158, Philadelphia, six. Brennan was floored by a left-right combo in round three.

Lou Young, 210, Scranton, halted Freddie Felton, 200, Endicott, New York, at 2:51 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee Jon McHale stepped in after Felton had been dropped by a right hand.

Dave Garman, 128, Plymouth, Pa., outpointed Frankie Thompson, 135, Endicott, four.

Judges—Frankie Adams, Jack Castellani.

Minooka Boxing Club. Paul Ruddy, matchmaker.

Attendance—2,685.

Gross—$12,961.

(03-31-82)

JIM LEO

▲ **CHADDS FORD—Brandywine Club—**Randy Coleman, 163¼, Philadelphia, outscored "Dancin' " Dan Snyder, eight. Coleman was penalized two rounds for low blows.

Mike Sheeran, 161, Philadelphia, kayoed Robert (Hurricane) Hart, 159½, Philly, who went out from a right to the ribs in 1:25 of the second.

Al Ferro, 152, Upper Darby, knocked out Rodney Ferguson, 156, Philly, in 1:05 of the first.

Roy Melton, 122½, Philadelphia, kayoed Kevin Jackson, 127½, Philly, in 2:00 of the first.

Francis Childs, 124, Pottstown, Pa., halted reactivated stiff Ron Newby, 123, Philly, with two knockdowns, in 1:20 of the first.

Andre Boyer, 141, Lindenwald, N.J., upset highly touted Fulgencio Martinez, 144, Upper Darby. Referee Bob Polis rescued Martinez at 2:55 of the third.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz.

Attendance—600.

(04-27-82)

▲ **CONSHOHOCKEN—McDonald Labor Lyceum—**Dynamite punching Earl Hargrove, 157½, Edgewater Park, N.J., returned after an injury lay-off and stopped slippery veteran Clifford Wills, 162, at 1:45 of the seventh. Right hands dropped the man from Cincinnati in the first and second sessions, but he hung around until a left hook draped him over the ropes in the fatal canto. Hargrove is now 17-0—all knockouts.

Jimmy Connelly, 148½, Chester Springs, Pa., the promoter's son, TKO'd Jimmy Longo, 146¼, New Paltz, New York, at 2:50 of the fourth.

Dawud Shaw, 175, Pottstown, Pa., TKO'd Buford Spencer, 176, Richmond, Va., with two knockdowns in 2:10 of the first round.

Clarence (Granny) Miller, 126½, Pottstown, scored a clean left hook knockout over Tommy Barnes, 126, Philly, in 2:25 of the first.

Leon Fulton, 157½, Philadelphia, stopped an exhausted Marvin Crawford, 162½, Falls Church, Va., who failed to come out for round four.

Ken Butts, 110, Philly, a bright prospect, easily stopped Edward Davis, 113, Philadelphia, at 1:17 of the first round. This was Butts' second stoppage of Davis. Ken just can't find opposition at his weight.

Ernie Butts, 104, Philly, Ken's brother, made his pro debut against Earnest Winslow, 115, Philadelphia, and stopped him at 1:01 of the fourth and final round.

Referees—Hank Cisco, Frank Cappuccino.

Judges—Tommy Cross, Carol Polis.

Promoter—Bob Connelly. Matchmaker—Ted Larve.

Attendance—800 (SRO). Gross—$8,000.

(05-13-82)

J.R. JOWETT

TEXAS

▲ **HOUSTON—Sam Houston Coliseum—**Juan Vengas, 136, Houston, kayoed Efrain Flores, 145, Mexico, at 2:11, of the second round with a left uppercut.

Jorge Zuniga, 134, Houston, kayoed Pedro Cantu, 136, Mexico, at 1:50 of the third round.

Arturo Munoz, 134, Houston, TKO'd Antonio Chavez, 133, Mexico, in four.

Cenibia Saucedo, 115, Houston, TKO'd Carlos Sandoval, 113½, Mexico, in five.

Freddy Rivera, 115½, Houston, TKO'd Francisco Aguayo, 116, Mexico, in five.

The bout between Oscar Cantu, Mexico, and Javier dela Cerda, Houston, was cancelled.

(03-27-82)

▲ **FORT WORTH—Will Rogers Coliseum—**Gene Hatcher decisioned former WBA junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalara, ten. Hatcher remains undefeated.

Steve Cruz, 126, Fort Worth, decisioned Carlos Flores, 126, San Antonio, eight.

Jay Strickland, 173, Fort Worth, stopped Robert Thomas, 170, Little Rock, in the first round.

Anthony Relford, 146, Fort Worth, decisioned Aundra, "Blood" Love, 146½, Lafayette, Ind., six.

Eddie "Cowboy" Martin, 129, Burleson, decisioned Jose Soto, 134, San Antonio, two.

(04-09-82)

▲ **HOUSTON—Astro Arena—**Tony "Torito" Ayala, kayoed Dario De Asa, Dominican Republic, at 1:46 of the second round.

Sammy Ayala, 137½, San Antonio, kayoed Tommy Tamez, 136, Port Arthur, at 2:11 of the third round.

Veteran Andy "Hawk" Price, 150½, Los Angeles, TKO'd Antonio Reyes, 148, Mexico, at 2:20 of the third round.

Humberto Rodriguez, 119, Houston, TKO'd Norberto Castellanos, 116, San Antonio, in the seventh round.

Ed Green, 149, Houston, decisioned Jose Rodriguez, 149¼, Eagle Pass, eight.

Richard Savage, 126, Monroe, La., TKO'd Antonio Leal, 128, Eagle Pass, in two.

Tom Trim, 194, Galena Park, kayoed Freddie Garcia, 200½, Eagle Pass, in three.

Eddie Gonzales, 179, Houston, decisioned Marcus Dorsey, 179¼, Port Arthur, in six.

Miguel Rivera, 112½, Eagle Pass, kayoed Angel Rivera, 113, Mexico, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Referees: Mark Tessman, Chris Jordan, and Bob Martin.

(04-10-82)

▲ **ORANGE—Longhorn Saloon—**James Pipps, raised his record to 13-0 by scoring a TKO over Gilberto Villacana, Mexico, in eight. Pipps, Victor, decked the stubborn Villacana, twice in the eighth round of the junior featherweight bout.

Robert Smith, Orange, a former promoter, was kayoed in the first round by Tony Orville, Port Arthur. Orville, a tough novice fighter hammered Smith from corner to corner through out the cruiserweight match.

Robert Powell, Houston, decisioned Teddie Lopez, Victor, eight, heavyweight.

Kent Nealy, Houston, decisioned Oracio Ramos, Mexico, six, bantams.

Tommy Smith, Houston, decisioned Eddie Mitchell, Orange, six, middleweight.

Reggie "Skeeter" Watson, Houston, TKO'd Raul Lopez, Mexico, in four, lightweight.

(04-20-82)

▲ **LAREDO—Civic Center Arena—**Jose "Gaby" Canizales, TKO'd Chango Guillen Reynosa, in five, bantamweight.

Delio "Red" Palacios, Laredo, kayoed Savador Lopez, Monterrey, in two, junior lightweights.

Angel Lira, Laredo, kayoed Rocky Rodriguez, San Antonio, in the third round, bantamweight.

Kenneth Releford, Fort Worth, TKO'd Erasmo Mendiola, Nueva Laredo, in four, middleweight.

Averisto "Tito" Cerna, Laredo, TKO'd Anthony Sanchez, Eagle Pass, in two, bantamweight.

Flavio Taboada, San Antonio, Laredo, kayoed Juan Garza, Eagle Pass, in the third round.

(04-22-82)

▲ **SAN ANTONIO—Freeman Coliseum—**Jose "Gaby" Canizales, Laredo, improved his pro record to 19-1, by decisioning Ricardo Varela, Los Angeles, bantamweights.

Delio (Red) Palacios, Laredo, decisioned Victor Gordillio, Laredo, eight, junior lightweights.

Jorge Torres, Reynosa, kayoed Chato Ramos, Odessa, in seven, junior middleweight.

Gilberto "Machete" Galvan, San Antonio, kayoed Chucho dela Cruz, Mexico, in the first round, lightweights.

Mario "Little Poison" Rodriguez, Eagle Pass, kayoed Bruce Lino, San Antonio, in the third round. Lino was knocked through the ropes and onto the ringside press table.

(05-16-82)

C.A. JACKSON

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲ **TORONTO—Massey Hall—**Boxing returned to this spot in downtown Toronto after an absence of 34 years.

Canadian light heavyweight champion Roddie MacDonald, 183, Toronto, TKO'd Phil Brown, 181, Ohio, at 2:43 of the fourth round in the main event. Ed Gaudet, referee.

Manning Galloway, 156½, Ohio, and Roy Gumbs, 162, Britain but now fighting out of Toronto, drew, 10.

Johnny Summerhays, 137, Brantford, won an unpopular split duke over Terrance Ali, 136½, Toronto, 10.

Phoenix Sports & All-Canada Sports Promotions.

(04-16-82)

QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena—**Canadian welterweight champion Mario Cusson, 144½, Montreal, won a shutout unanimous decision over Nicky Furlano, 145½, Toronto, 10. The scores were 100-88, 100-87, and 100-89. Furlano was given a 30-day suspension by the Montreal Athletic Commission and was removed from cards slated for Toronto on April 16 and May 4.

Canadian lightweight champion Gaetan Hart won a unanimous decision over Rocky Zoinierczyk, St. Catharines, Ontario, eight. Scores were 80-73, 80-74, and 79-75. Hart is now 50-20-3. Zoinierczyk, a six-round fighter, is now 6-3.

Donnie Poole, 146¼, Toronto, won a unanimous duke over John Herbert, also 146¼, Vancouver, eight rounds, in the best fight on the card. All three cards read 79-76.

John Griffin, 159½, Montreal, won a unanimous verdict over Lee Saxby, 158, New York, six. Scores: 58-55 and 58-57 (twice).

Denis Brisson, 145¼, Quebec, TKO'd Denis Sigouin, 146¼, Quebec, at 1:56 of round three in a scheduled four refereed by Gerry Simpson.

Promoter—Henri Spitzer.

Attendance—5,250.

(04-06-82)

FRANK ALLNUTT

▲ **HULL—**Jean-Paul Petrin, 143, Hull, kayoed Mick Staley, 145, Buffalo, with two solid body blows in the first round. Petrin is now 8-1-1.

Pierre Huneault, 135, Hull, made his pro debut by knocking out Kenny Smith, also 135, Windsor, Ontario, in 1:56 of round two in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Roger (Black) Brown, 240, Buffalo, won a disputed verdict over Frank Leonard, 190, Hull. Darryl Graham, Buffalo, halted Andre Avon, 126, at 1:53 of the fourth. Alain

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE LATIN AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION (AS OF MAY 31, 1982)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Luis Acosta (Argentina)
1. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
2. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
3. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)
4. Ruben Zamarro (Argentina)
5. Jorge Flores (Argentina)
6. Wendell Joseph (Trinidad)
7. Waldemar Paulino (Brazil)
8. Eddie Lopez (Mexico)
9. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)
10. Augusto Dos Santos (Brazil)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Miguel Cea (Chile)
1. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
2. Cesar Duarte (Argentina)
3. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
4. Carlos Flores (Uruguay)
5. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
6. Abel Bailone (Argentina)
7. David Cabrera (Mexico)
8. Stanley Williams (St. Maarteen)
9. Tomas Ortiz (Panama)
10. Ibi Zimmerman (Guyana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
1. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
2. Antonio Montano (Curacao)
3. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
4. Juan Roman (Argentina)
5. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
6. Sigfrido Colorado (Colombia)
7. Hugo Corro (Argentina)
8. Joaquin Macias (Mexico)
9. Ruben Pardo (Argentina)
10. Jose Baquedano (Mexico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Diaz (Argentina)
1. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
2. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
3. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
4. Pedro Cisneros (Nicaragua)
5. Marcelo Quinonez (Peru)
6. Nicanor Camacho (Colombia)
7. Joao Tavares (Brazil)
8. Adalberto Venegas (Colombia)
9. Roberto Rudas (Panama)
10. Jose Vallejo (Dom. Rep.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Fernando Rocco Castro (Peru)
1. Inocencio (Mao) de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
2. Rafael Piamonte (Colombia)
3. Humberto Barloa (Argentina)
4. Jose Joaquin Baret (Dom. Rep.)
5. Victor Nilo (Chile)
6. Pedro Gallardo (Peru)
7. Mateo Valdez (Colombia)
8. Segundo Murillo (Ecuador)
9. Frank Albertus (Curacao)
10. Jose Salazar (Panama)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mercedes Espinoza (Peru)
1. Felix Reyes (Dom. Rep.)
2. Martin Rojas (Colombia)
3. Jose Salazar (Panama)
4. Alfredo Estrada (Peru)
5. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
6. Adriano (Nani) Marrero (Dom. Rep.)
7. Oscar Huerta (Chile)
8. Ricardo Alfaro (Argentina)
9. Cesar Navas (Venezuela)
10. Wianey Ruiz (Costa Rica)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Orlando Romero (Peru)
1. Luis Beltran (Venezuela)
2. Sergio Alvarez (Colombia)
3. Emilio Guerrero (Nicaragua)
4. Ruddy Alpizar (Costa Rica)
5. Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz (Dom. Republic)
6. Pedro Miranda (Chile)
7. Rafael Williams (Panama)
8. Dante Seradilla (Argentina)
9. Sebastian Mosquera (Paraquat)
10. Roberto (Lazarito) Hernandez (Dom. Rep.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
1. Manuel Gonzalez Amaya (Costa Rica)
2. Juan Manriquez (Chile)
3. Walter Gonzalez (Peru)
4. Carlos Alberto D'Silva (Brazil)
5. Victor Pacheco (Colombia)
6. Ezequiel (Cocoa) Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
7. Denis Moran (Nicaragua)
8. Chucho Zimmerman (Curacao)
9. Jose Vidal (Dom. Rep.)
10. Enrique Maxwell (Panama)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Victor Torres (Peru)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
4. Jose Monita Jimenez (Dom. Rep.)
5. Alvaro Marvaez (Colombia)
6. Ruben Veliz (Venezuela)
7. Guillermo Morales (Mexico)
8. Julio (Raton) Hernandez (Nicaragua)
9. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
10. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Cleo Garcia (Nicaragua)
2. Jose Caba (Dom. Rep.)
3. Jose (Karate) Loor (Ecuador)
4. Juan Aranela (Chile)
5. Esteban Bustos (Argentina)
6. Julio Llerena (Colombia)
7. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
8. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
9. Carlos Bejarano (Nicaragua)
10. Enrique Maxwell (Panama)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Benito Badilla (Chile)
1. Danilo Batista (Brazil)
2. Ricardo Vennett (Panama)
3. Jose R. Pena (Dom. Rep.)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Horner Meza (Colombia)
6. Jose Narvaez (Argentina)
7. Norberto Cabrera (Mexico)
8. Jose Jimenez (Ecuador)
9. Gardenio Ulloa (Chile)
10. Freddy Hernandez (Colombia)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
1. Milciades Alvares (Panama)
2. Javier Brown (Colombia)
3. Elpidio (Kid Macumba) Paula (Dom. Rep.)
4. Adelaido Galindo (Mexico)
5. Modesto Gomez (Nicaragua)
6. Freddy Castillo (Mexico)
7. Eusebio Espinal (Dom. Rep.)
8. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
9. Carlos Alvarez (Venezuela)
10. Daniel Casan Solano (Costa Rica)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gabriel Sepulveda (Chile)
1. Tony (Sordito) Nery (Dom. Rep.)
2. Jaime Miranda (Chile)
3. Segundo Toledo (Peru)
4. Pedro Romero (Panama)
5. Rafael Julio (Colombia)
6. Ignacio Espinal (Dom. Rep.)
7. Luis Ibarra (Panama)
8. Jovito Rengifo (Venezuela)
9. Oscar Bolivar (Venezuela)
10. Nestor Obregon (Nicaragua)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
2. Hector Rey Melendez (Dom. Rep.)
3. Luis Beltran (Chile)
4. German Torres (Mexico)
5. Rafael (La Avispa) Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)
6. Jose Bobadilla (Nicaragua)
7. Reynaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
8. Santos Becerra (Panama)
9. Ruddy Crawford (Nicaragua)
10. Rodolfo Rodriguez (Argentina)

Girard, 136, Hull, outpointed Levant Williams, 131, Windsor.
Gaetan Paquette, 124, Hull, won a close unanimous decision over Eddy Robinson, 122, Buffalo.
Officials—Louis Huneault, Rene Labelle, Francois Macra, Dave Neilson.
Timekeeper—Lucien Mauricette.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Andre Pepin.
Promoter—Rod Huneault.
Attendance—200.
(04-27-82)

JEAN BELLEAU

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ **MARABELLA—Dansteel Gymnasium—**Wendell Joseph, 182, retained his Trinidad and Tobago heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over Sterling Benjamin, 194, 10. Scoring: referee Vernon Romney, 49-45; judge Molly Boxhill, 48-44; judge Hollis Wilson, 47-45.
Leslie Steward, 172, outpointed Ashton Antoine, 176, eight.
Michael Baptiste, 145, TKO'd Ricardo Croquer, 142, Venezuela, at 1:32 of the first round.
Terrence Bannester, 160, kayoed Mervin Brown, also 160, in 1:59 of the fourth.
(04-30-82)

▲ **PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex—**Claude Noel, 134¼, retained his Trinidad and Tobago lightweight crown with a majority decision over Steve Assoon, also 134¼, 15. Scoring: referee George Cumberbatch, 71-69; judge Vernon Romney, 69-69; judge Juan Reece, 73-64
Leslie Stewart, 167, Trinidad and Tobago, TKO'd Easy Boy Michael, 174, Curacao, at 2:34 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder.
Walt Bishop, 136¼, Trinidad, TKO'd Norman Yearwood, 133, Barbados, who did not answer the bell for the sixth and last round because of a cut over the left eye.
Raymond O'Brien, 156, outpointed Joseph Nelson, 158, six.
(05-14-82)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

SOUTH AMERICA

GUYANA

▲ **GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall—**Keith (Creature) Adams won a unanimous decision over Clifford (Piggy) Griffith in the 10-round main event.
Eight-rounders: Kid Dalrymple, 133½, kayoed Colin Douglas, 135¼, in the seventh. Chris Bowen, 127¾, outscored Colin Morgan, 130½. Gustavus Teoball, 140, TKO'd Terrence Clark, 140¾, in round six.
Lennox Prince, 157¾, won a unanimous duke over Hammer Williams, 150½, six.
Joseph Scanterbury, 140, won a close decision over Roy Smith, six.
This was the first professional show in Guyana in a year and a half.
Coletern Promotions.
(03-28-82)

LLOYD BLACKMOORE

EUROPE

DENMARK

▲ **COPENHAGEN—**Hans Hendrik Palm, Denmark, retained his European welter crown with a split decision over Pierangelo Pira, Italy, 12. Pira, a southpaw, gave the champ all he could handle, and Palm's right optic was closed throughout the last four rounds. Scoring: referee Harry Gibbs (Great Britain), 116-113, Palm; judge Krieff (France, 119-113, Palm; judge Michael Fischer (Germany), 119-117, Pira. Palm's next defense will be against Colin Jones of Britain, the most dangerous welterwieght in Europe.
Former world junior middleweight champion Ayub Kalule, Uganda, TKO'd former Oscar (Shotgun) Albarado, who was unable to answer the bell for round two.
John Odhiambo, Uganda, stopped American Lee Royster in the third, light heavies. Royster was down in both the first and second rounds.
Commonwealth flyweight champion Steve Muchoki outscored OPBF champ Hong-Soo Yang, Korea, 10.
Michael Madsen, Denmark, halted Malcolm Kirk, Great Britain, in round three.
Former European welter champion Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, who vacated his crown earlier this year, outpointed Don Morgan, U.S.A., eight.
(04-30-82)

ITALY

▲ **BELLARIA—**Joey Gibilisco kayoed Jofre II in the fourth lightweights. Roberto Masini outscored Simadilu Lubaki, six, light welters. Stefano Boretti outpointed Luis Ribeiro, six, light middles.
(01-28-82)

▲ **COPPARO—**Daniele Zappatera outscored Robert Dormoi, eight, welterweights.
(01-29-82)

▲ **BOLOGNA—**Giorgio Pippia outpointed Carmelo Lojacomo, six, lightweights. Ciro de Leva TKO'd Gianpiero Pinna in eight, flyweights. Sumbu Kalambay TKO'd Steve Williams in two, middles. Angelo La Mattina outscored Mabobo Kamunga, six, middles. Nino La Rocca TKO'd Daryl Penn in six, light middleweights.
(02-05-82)

▲ **NAPLES—**Patrizio Oliva retained his Italian light welterweight crown by knocking out Bruno Simili in the eighth round. Piero Spadaccini and Sid Conteh drew, eight, welters. Salvatore Bottiglieri TKO'd Antonio Pocai in the second session, feathers. Salvatore Rippa outscored Zora Folley, Jr., eight, middleweights. Gabriele Di Stazio outpointed Angelo Quintavalle, six, junior lights.
(02-11-82)

▲ **CAGLIARI—**Giuseppe Fossati outpointed Roberto Serreli, 12, to reatin his Italian bantam title.
(02-18-82)

▲ **ROME—**Franco Federici outscored Fred Voltine, six, heavyweights.
(02-19-82)

▲ **TREZZANO**—Antonio La Serra outpointed Pietro Donati, six, junior lightweights. Edmundo Buttiglione outscored Maurizio Da Cruz, six, middles. Franco Cherchi TKO'd Nessim Zebelini in seven, flyweights. Salvatore La Serra outscored Mario De Prosperis, six, bantams.
(02-20-82)

▲ **NAPLES**—Alfredo Raininger outpointed Kianda Malanda, eight, lightweights. Salvatore Bottiglieri outscored Josia Da Silva, six, feathers.
(02-20-82)

▲ **CAMPOBASSO**—Santiago Alvarez outpointed Vincenzo Di Bari, six, junior lightweights.
(02-24-82)

▲ **FLORENCE**—Gaetano Ardito outpointed Matteo Salvemini, 10, middles. Joe Ouru TKO'd Angelo Fenu in four, light middles. Alessandro Scapecchi TKO'd Mahamed Houdi in six, lightweights. Angelo La Mattina outpointed Paul Mujodi, six, middles.
(02-26-82)

▲ **RIMINI**—Luigi Minchillo kayoed Gary Giron in the first round, light middleweights. Wa Lomani outscored Stefano Bonetti, light middles. Umberto Morri TKO'd Corrado Infanti in five, flyweights. Pierangelo Pira outscored Mosina Maeleke, eight, welters.
(02-27-82)

▲ **SORRENTO**—Lorenzo Paciullo TKO'd Franco Siddu in the ninth round for the Italian junior lightweight title. Giuseppe La Vite outscored Joseph Sekisambu, six, featherweights. Luigi De Rosa TKO'd Cosimo Lavino in the seventh, junior lights.
(03-05-82)

▲ **PESARO**—Lutshadi Mudimbj outpointed Jawe Davis, eight, light heavyweights. Juan Jose Gimenez outscored Bechir Jelassy, eight, light welters. Luciano Sorgon TKO'd peter Davillia in four, welterweights. Naziario Mariotti TKO'd Silvio Migale in two, light middles.
(03-06-82)

▲ **GIOVINAZZO**—Patrizio Oliva outscored Francesco Gallo, eight, light welters. Cosimo Funto outpointed Maurizio Da Cruz, eight, middles.
(03-06-82)

▲ **ROSETO DEGLI ABRUZZI**—Domenico Adolfini outpointed Rinaldo Pellizzari, 12, to retain his Italian heavyweight title. Corrado Sortino and Mabobo Kamunga drew, six, light middles. Cesare De Benedetto TKO'd Primo Ruberti in three, heavies.
(03-12-82)

▲ **MANTOVA**—Giuseppe Di Padova outscored Remo Costa, 12, for the Italian welterweight crown. Edmundo Buttiglione TKO'd Folly Muyanga in four, middles.
(03-12-82)

▲ **PALERMO**—Angelo La Mattina kayoed Joe Mandingo in three, middles. Vincenzo Giacalone outscored Angelo Quintavalle, six, lightweights. Carmelo Lojacomo outscored Josia Da Silva, six, lights. Giuseppe Semilia outpointed Jose Luis Ribeiro, six, light welters.
(03-13-82)

▲ **MODENA**—Lucio Cusma outscored Gionanni Vitillo, 12, to win the Italian lightweight title.
(03-19-82)

▲ **TURIN**—Gennaro Mauriello outscored Walter Cevoli, 12, for the Italian heavyweight crown. Paolo Castrovilli outpointed Mario Bitetto, six, flyweights. Ali Ben Saad and Wa Lomani drew, six, light middles. Maurizio Lupino TKO'd Giancarlo Ravaioli in three, bantams.
(03-19-82)

▲ **RIMINI**—Loris Stecca kayoed Nani Rodriguez in the second round, featherweights. Roberto Masini outpointed Vincenzo Di Bari, six, light welters. Stefano Bonetti outscored Francesco Sanna, six, light middles.
(03-20-82)

▲ **BOLOGNA**—Alessandro Scapecchi outpointed Giuseppe Pellegrino, eight, lightweights. Claudio Cassanelli outscored Mulindwa Kozza, eight, heavies.
(03-26-82)

▲ **TERNI**—Luigi Curcetti outscored Kianda Malanda, eight, light welters.
(03-26-82)

JACK A. TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **CAISTER—Holiday Center**—Roy Burke, 131, Norwich, outscored John Pollard, 132½, Manchester, in six.

Phil Duckworth, 146½, Leeds, drew Steve Tempro, 145, Leicester, in six rounds.

Keith Hames, 162, Norwich, outscored Paddy Weaver, 161, Birmingham, in six rounds.

Joey Morris, 134, Manchester, decisioned Mike Betts, 133¼, Norwich, in three rounds.
(03-18-82)

▲ **LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Britain's Charlie Magri is trying hard to re-establish himself as a contender for the World Flyweight title and looked good in beating Mexican Ron Cisneros, 114. Refree Harry Gibbs stopped the action at 0:50 of the third round.

Silverster Mitee, 139, defeated Chris Sanigar, 139, for the Southern Area light-welter crown.

Current heavyweight prospect Frank Bruno, 214¼, knocked out Tom Stevenson, 204, U.S.A., in 2:25 of the first round.

Mark Kaylor, 163½, West Ham, 14-0, TKO'd Joel Bonnaetazs, 164, France, in the third round.

Davy Lamour, 119½, decisioned Ivor Jones, 118½ in eight.

Pal Higgins, 127½, Hastings, 127¾ kayoed Jarvis Greenidge, 129, Birmingham, in the second round.

Terry Smith, 131¼, Convent Garden, kayoed Duddy Derry, 135¼, in the third round.
(03-20-82)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
2. Sylvain Watbled (France)
3. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
5. Neville Meade (Great Britain)
6. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
7. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
8. Al Syben (Belgium)
9. Giudo Trane (Italy)
10. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
3. Richard Caramanolis (France)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
6. Christiano Cavina (Italy)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
9. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
10. Manfred Jassmann (Germany)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
2. Gaetano Ardito (Italy)
3. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
4. Mateo Salvemini (Italy)
5. Jacques Chinon (France)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Rufino Angulo (France)
9. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
10. Glen McEwen (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Jose Hernandez (Spain)
5. Chris Christian (Great Britain)
6. Richard Rodriguez (France)
7. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
8. Peter Thomas (Great Britain)
9. Torben Andersen (Denmark)
10. Jean Andre Emmerich (Germany)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
2. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
3. Francesco Leon (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Russi (Italy)
5. Chris Sanigar (Great Britain)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
8. Steve Early (Great Britain)
9. Roberto Gambini (France)
10. Antonio Antino (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
2. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
3. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
4. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
5. George Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
7. Rene Weller (Germany)
8. Lance Williams (Great Britain)
9. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
10. Giovanni Vitillo (Italy)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
1. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
2. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
3. Carlos Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Daniel Londas (France)
5. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
6. Michele Siracusa (France)
7. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
8. Luigi De Rosa (Italy)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
10. Francis Bailleu (France)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Hans Hendrik Palm
1. Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
2. Colin Powers (Great Britain)
3. Giuseppe Di Padova (Italy)
4. Claude Lancastre (France)
5. Jo Kimpuani (France)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
8. Franco Aresti (Italy)
9. Piero Angelo Pira (Italy)
10. Dum Dum Pacheco (Spain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Loris Stecca (Italy)
4. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
5. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Philipe Martin (France)
8. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
9. Pasquale Mazza (Italy)
10. Terry McKeown (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
1. Valerio Nati (Italy)
2. John Feeney (Great Britain)
3. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
4. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquim (Spain)
10. Walter Giogetti (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Enrique Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
3. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
4. Dave George (Great Britain)
5. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
6. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
7. Giamiero Pinna (Italy)
8. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
9. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
10. Marciano Garcia (Spain)

▲ **LONDON—Wembly Arena**—Former British heavyweight champion Gordon Ferris, 207¼, outpointed Barry Funches, 201½, U.S.A., in an eight-round bout.

Rudi Pika, 207½, Cardiff, remained undefeated by decisioning Steve Gee, 210½, Birmingham, eight.

Dudley McKenzie, 162½, Croydon, decisioned Willie Wright, 161½, Birmingham, six.
(03-20-82)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Sammy Brennan, 161, Liverpool, outpointed Russell, Humphreys, 162, Shrewsbury, in eight.

Nick Bromby, 136½, Hull, decisioned Billy Laidman, 138, Durham, in six.

Nigel Savery, 179, Leeds, decisioned Jerry Golden, 177, Manchester, in a six round bout.

Prince Moma Mohammed, 205, won every round in outpointing Eddie Cooper, 177, Bradford, 80-76.
(03-22-82)

▲ **SWANSEA—Top Rank Centre**—Ray Price, Swansea, won the Welsh Area light welterweight title by outpointing Geoff Pegler, in a ten round bout.

Doug James, Swansea, kayoed middleweight Kenny Feahan, Trebanog, at the end of the fifth round.

Steve Babbs, Swansea, TKO'd light heavyweight Phil Williams, Plymouth, in three rounds.

Sam Omedi, Plymouth, outscored Dai Davies, Swansea, in six rounds, in a light welterweight bout.

Light middleweight Terry Mathews, Swansea, stopped Steve Davies, Pembroke, at 0:45 of round one.
(03-22-82)

▲ **BELFAST—Ulster Hall**—Barry McGuigan, Clones, 9-1, stopped Italian, Angelo Licata, in round two of their featherweight fight.

Belgian featherweight champion Jean Marc Renard, Kayoed Richie Foster, Dublin, in the fifth round.

John Lindo, Bradford, kayoed young Patsy Quinn, Belfast, in 0:37 of the first round. Lindo clocked Quinn with a left upper cut.

Hugh Russell, 6-0, kayoed Keith Foreman, West Hartlepool, in 2:40 of the first round.

Light heavyweight Frank McCullagh, Belfast, did not lose a round in outscoring Paul Newman, Bagnor, in six rounds.
(03-23-82)

▲ **WOLVERHAMTON—Sporting Club**—Granville Allen, 148, Wednesbury, outpointed Steve Tempro, 148, Leicester, in an eight round bout.

John Humphreys, 167, Shrewsbury, did not lose one of the eight rounds outscoring Peter Tidgwell, 167½, Bradford, 80-77½.

Paul Mitchell, 154, Leeds, gained a six round decision over Dalston Jordan, 154, Leicester, 59½-58.

Erol Dennis, 147, Birmingham, outpointed Paul Murry, 148, Birmingham, in a six rounder.
(03-23-82)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Ray Hood, 138, Liverpool, stopped Jimmy Bunclarke, 134, Bootle, in the second round.

Jimmy Brown, 146, Liverpool, outpointed Paul Murry, 146, Birmingham, in a six round bout.

Steve Tempro, 146, Leicester, decisioned Jerry White, 147, Liverpool, in a six rounder.

Kevin Pritchard, 135½, Liverpool, decisioned Tony Wilkinson, 136, Sunderalnd, in four, 39½-39.

▲ **NANWITCH—Civic Hall**—Jimmy Duncan, 128, Liverpool beat Kevin Doherty, 135, West Ham in four.

Lee Roy, 148, Burslem, drew Dan Myers, 147½, Northampton, in a six rounder.

Johnny Andrews, 147, Bethnal Green, kayoed Bert Myrie, 149½, in a five rounder.

Rocky Severino, 148, Stokes, outscored Phil O'Hare, 149, Manchester in six.
(03-23-82)

▲ **COPTHRONE—Alan Minter Sporting Club**—Devon Bailey, 175½, Battersea, stopped Keith Bristol, Clapham, in eight rounds.

Winston McKenzie, 142, Croydon, drew Sam Omedi, 142, Plymouth in six.

Robbie Smith, 163½, outscored Joe Jackson, 163, Coventry, in six rounds.
(03-29-82)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Derek Nelson, 145½, Sunderland, won a forfeit over Dave Allen. Allen was disqualified before the fight.

Mick Rowley, 136½, Merthyr, outscored Gary Lucas, 135, Liverpool, in eight rounds.

Paul Mitchel, 157, Leeds, TKO'd Dave King, 156, Gateshead, in the fourth round.

Ian Lazarus, 172, Leeds, outscored Johnjo Green, 176, Manchester, in six.
(03-29-82)

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Neville Meade (England)
2. Gordon Ferris (England)
3. Billy Aird (England)
4. Gordon Racette (Canada)
5. David Pearce (Wales)
6. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
7. Stewart Lithgo (England)
8. Ken Lagusta (Canada)
9. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
10. Ricky James (England)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Tony Mundine (Australia)
5. Roddy MacDonald (Canada)
6. Bunny Johnson (England)
7. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
8. Tom Collins (England)
9. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
10. Karl Canwell (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Roy Gumbs (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
4. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
5. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
6. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
7. Mark Truck (Canada)
8. Glen McEwan (England)
9. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
10. Mark Kaylor (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
3. Rocky Mattioli (Australia)
4. Jimmy Batten (England)
5. Chris Christian (England)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
8. Brian Anderson (England)
9. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
10. Graeme Ahmed (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
2. Mark Harris (Guyana)
3. Reggie Ford (Guyana)
4. Kirkland Laing (England)
5. Mario Cusson (Canada)
6. Frank Ropis (Australia)
7. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
8. Ross Eadie (Australia)
9. Andy Broome (Australia)
10. Lloyd Hibbert (England)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Des Morrison (England)
4. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
5. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
6. Sylvester Mittee (England)
7. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
8. Chris Sanigar (England)
9. Nick Furlano (Canada)
10. Dave Barago (Australia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
2. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
3. Charlie Nash (Ireland)
4. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
5. Ray Cattouse (England)
6. John Summerhays (Canada)
7. George Feeney (England)
8. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
9. Ricky Beaumont (England)
10. Lance Williams (England)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
4. Steve Sims (Wales)
5. Gary Williams (Australia)
6. Brian Roberts (Australia)
7. Jimmy Flint (England)
8. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
9. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
10. Terry McKeown (Scotland)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Davy Larmour (Ireland)
5. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Young Ali (Nigeria)
8. Glen Walsh (Australia)
9. Patrick Burns (Australia)
10. Hugh Russell (Ireland)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
4. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
5. Kid Sumaila (Ghana)
6. Dave George (Wales)
7. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Keith Wallace (England)
10. Ian Clyde (Canada)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England), Kazeem Armah (Nigeria), Tiger Man (Papua), Willi Tarika (Fiji).

▲ **LEEDS—Irish Center**—Former Welsh light heavyweight champion Chris Lawson, 174, outpointed Northern Ireland's Liam Coleman in eight rounds.

Robert Armstrong, 147, Doncaster, outscored Bill Duckworth, Leeds, 147, in eight rounds.

Nigel Savery, 175, Leeds, gained his second win in a week over Jerry Golden, 177, Manchester, decisioning him in six.

Dale Henderson, 156, Stockton, outpointed Kevin Durkin, 154, Bradford, in eight.

Noel Quarless, 216, Liverpool, kayoed Ian Scotland, 206, Doncaster, at 0:32 of the first round.

Paul Costigan, 154, Manchester, outpointed Dalton Jordan, 152, Leicester, in six.
(03-30-82)

▲ **LONDON—Assembly Hall**—Funsco Banjo, 216½, West Ham, 6-0, TKO'd Mick Chmilowskyj, 200, Edmonton, in the sixth.

George Danahar, 160, Bethnal Green, TKO'd Cliff Curtis, 157, Swindon, in the sixth and final round.

Danny Shinkwin, 149, Boreham Wood, outscored, Mark Crouch, 146, Epsom, in six.

Billy Ruzgar, 124, Hoxton, outpointed Shaun Shinkwin, 127½, Boreham Wood, in a four round bout.

Randy Henderson, 148, East Ham, decisioned Jimmy Smith, 146½, Tottenham, in six rounds.

Mike Fawcett, 193¾, West Ham, decisioned Glenroy Taylor, 183, Chiswick, in four rounds, 60-58.
(04-01-82)

▲ **LONDON—Bloomsbury Centre Hotel**—Keith Wallace, 113, looked like a legitimate contender for the British flyweight title after he defeated Jim Carson, Belfast, in three rounds.

Jimmy Duncan, 129½, outpointed Ray Hood, 137, Liverpool, in eight.

Gary Knight, 147½, West Ham, stopped Noel Blair, 154, Tottenham, in the fourth round following a knock down of Blair.

Rocky Kelly, 145, Acton, decisioned Mike Clemow, 142, Plymouth, in six.

Terry Marsh, 141, drew Lloyd Christe, 140, Coventry in eight.

Johnny Andrews, 153, defeated Mike Harrison, 156½, in three rounds.

Joe Christe, Dublin, 203, Kayoed, Martin Nee, 199, Galway, at 2:04 of the first round.
(04-05-82)

▲ **NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club**—Vince Gajny, 163, Stratford by Avon, remained unbeaten by outpointing Russell Humphreys, 166½, Shrewbury, in eight rounds.

Dino Wallace, 163, Wolverhampton, outpointed Joe Jackson, 166¼, Coventry, in six rounds.

Gerry Beard, 139, Nottingham, outpointed Eric Wood, 138, Doncaster, in six rounds.

Errol Dennis, 149, Wolverhamton, outpointed David Cox, 149, Northhampton, in six rounds.

Frank Robinson, Nottinghham outpointed Tony Blackstock, 193, Nottingham, in four rounds.
(04-05-82)

▲ **MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Kevin Durkin, 154, Bradford, outscored Dale Henderson, 156, Stockton, 80-76.

Tony Brown, Liverpool, pulled himself together after a tough opening round to decision Glenn Crump, 150, Sheffield, in six rounds.

Paul Costigan, 154, Manchester, outpointed Gary Tomlinson, 152, Sheffield, in six.

Peter Flanagan, 140, TKO'd Vince Griffin, 140, Widnes, in the second round.
(04-05-82)

▲ **GLASGOW—Kelvin Centre**—Prince Mama Muhammad, 179, Beat Eddie Cooper, dropping him in round five for a TKO.

Archie Durie, 147, Glasgow, outpointed Charlie Douglas, 149, Larkhall, in six.

Jim Harvey, 121, Glasgow, easily decisioned Ian Murry, 121, Manchester, 58½-57.
(04-05-82)

▲ **LEEDS—Astoria Ballroom**—Prince Rodney, 152, Huddersfield, kept his Central Area light-middleweight title by stopping Nick Mills, 150, Rotherham in the fourth round.

Geoff Rymer, 172¾, Hull, outpointed Peter Tidgewell, 172, Bradford, in eight rounds.

Mike Marsden, 124, Leeds, did not lose a round in outscoring Dordon Haigh, 124, Hull, in four.

Mark Davey, 135½, Wakefield, gained a decision over Kevin Howard, 132½, Sunderland, in six.

Mark Duffy, 138, Leeds, drew Mick Bromby, 136, Hull, in six.

John Daly, 138½, Keighley, decisioned Mike McKenzie, 141, Perth, in six rounds.
(04-06-82)

▲ **EVESHAM**—Lee Halford, 138, Leicester, outpointed Granville Allen, 140, Wednesbury, in eight.

Willie Wright, 162, Birmingham, decisioned Rob Wada, 162, Shrewsbury, in a six round fight.

Paul Murry, 151, Birmingham, outpointed Dennis Sheean, Notingham, 152, in a six rounder.

Joey Saunders, 160, Nottingham, defeated Winston Davies, 153, Rugby, by a narrow margin, 59-58½.

Cecil Williams, 153, Birmingham, TKO'd Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 153, in three rounds.
(04-07-82)

▲ **LONDON—Lyceum**—Former British light welterweight champ Colin Power Paddington, kayoed former Welsh light middleweight champ Gary Pearce, 145, in the sixth round.

Keith Bristol, 178, Battersea, TKO'd Shaun Chalcraft, Crawley, in round four.

Tommy Kiely, 201, Brighton, decisioned Bonny McKenzie, 182, Cardiff, in eight.

Gary Knight, 143, West Ham, TKO'd Lloyd Christe, Coventry in the fifth round.

Johnny Andrews, 147½, Islington, TKO'd Bert Myrie, 151, Wolverhampton, in five rounds.

Steve Johnson, 164, Islington, decisioned, Dwight Osborne, 168½, Walworth, in six.

Dave Finigan, 144, Balham, TKO'd Tom Thomas, 144, Tottenham, in four.
(04-14-82)

▲ **GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Willie Booth, 138, TKO'd Granville Allen, 141, Wednesbury, in the seventh round of their bout.

Colin Harrison, 136½, Glasgow, outpointed Eric Wood, 137½, Doncaster, in eight.

John Murphy, 124¾, TKO'd Gordon Haigh, 123, Hull, in three.

Mike Bromby, 136, Hull, decisioned Dave Markey, 137½, Beshill, in six.
(04-19-82)

▲ **LONDON—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Eddie Copland, 137, Manchester, decisioned Gerry Beard, 137¾, in eight.

Steve Clark, Porthcawl, decisioned Jim Bott, Liverpool, in eight.

Robert Hepburn, 120, Norwich, decisioned Johnny Dorey, 120¼, Eltham, in six.

Joey Saunders, 161, Nottingham, outpointed Chris Lewis, 158, Sutton, in six.

Jerry Golden, 176, Manchester, decisioned Glenn Taylor, 180, Chiswick, in six.
(04-19-82)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Peter Ewbanks, 134½, Brighton, decisioned Ian McLeod, 133½, Edinburgh, in eight.

Steve Pollard, 128, Hull, TKO'd Rocky Bantleman, 125, in the eighth.

John Daly, 140, Keighley, decisioned Sean Campell, Hayes, in six.

John Joseph, 174, Hayes, TKO'd Peter Tidgewell, 170, Bradford, at 0:38 of the first round.
(04-22-82)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Stadium**—Herol Graham, 140, British and Commonwealth light middle weight champ, decisioned Fred Coranson, 140, France, in ten.

George Schofield, 141, Liverpool, decisioned Winston McKenzie, 139, in eight.

Brian Schagg, 140, Liverpool, TKO'd Jim Bunclarke, 138, Gootle, in three.

Theo Joseph, 202, knocked out Noel Quarless, 219½, at 2:40 of the opening round.

Steve Gee, 212, Brimingham, TKO'd Joe Christe, 207, Dublin, in the sixth round.

Tony Brown, 149, Liverpool, TKO'd Mickey Williams, 155, London, in three.
(04-22-82)

▲ **LONDON—Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre**—Joey Singleton, 148½, former British light welterweight champ decisioned Cliff Gilpin, 149¼, Telford, in six.

Sid Smtih, 146¾, Forest Hill, TKO'd Tommy Davit, 149, Highgate, in the opening round.

Austin Owens, 127¾, Reading, TKO'd Steve Clark, 125½, in the first round.

Conrad Oscar, 162, Lewisham, decisioned Jack Sharp, 160¼, Lewisham, in six.

Steve Ellwood, 144½, Camberweel, decisioned Peter Flanagan, 142½, Manchester, in six rounds.
(04-26-82)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—John Lindo, 140, Bradford decisioned Dave Taylor, 142, Liverpool, in eight.

Aneurin Williams, 175, TKO'd Steven Goodwin, 174, Liverpool, in four.

John Farrell, 132½, Liverpool, decisioned Ray Plant, 124, South Shields, in six.

Rocky Mensah, 138, Ghana, outpointed J.J. Barratt, 137, Liverpool, in six.
(04-26-82)

▲ **EDGBASTON—Tower Ballroom**—Northern Ireland light heavyweight champ Liam Coleman, 180, decisioned Antonio Harris, 179½, in eight.

Martin McGough, 146, Coventry, decisioned Peter Bennett, 146, Sheffield, in eight.

Kostas Petrou, 144½ TKO'd Steve Tempro, 144, Leicester, in three.

Dino Wallace, 163, Wolverhampton decisioned Mark Kelly, 161½, Crew, in six.

Johnjo Green, 178, Manchester, decisioned Al Stevens, 178¾, Quinton, in six.

▲ **GLASGOW—Morleys**—Scottish light-welterweight champ George Peakock, 140½, outpointed Dave Allen, 143½,

in eight.
John Murphy, 127½, Glasgow, decisioned, Eddie Morgan, Corby, in six.
Tommy Cooke, 137, Larkhall decisioned Ray Ross, 138¾, in six.
Dave Markey, 135½, Bellhill, drew Gerry Devine 134½, in a six round fight.
(04-26-82)

▲ **CARDIFF—Star Leisure Center**—Darwin Brewster, 151¾, Cardiff, decisioned Pat Thomas, former light middleweight champ, in ten.
Tyrell Wilson, 142, Newport, decisioned Dai Davies, 140, Swansea, in six rounds.
Andy Thomas, 135, Swansea, decisioned Brian Jones, 131½, in six.
Howard Williams, 117½, Merthyr, out scored Steve Reilly, 120, Newport, in a six-rounder.
(04-26-82)

▲ **LEICESTER—Granby Halls**—Ricky James, Midlands Arena heavyweight champ, decisioned Tony Moore, 196, in eight rounds.
Roy Varden, 149, Nuneaton, outscored Ian Murray, 150, in six.
Winston Davis, 156, Rugby, decisioned Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, in six.
Willie Wright, 163, Birmingham, kayoed Danny Cope, 166, with a left hook in the sixth round.
Frankie Robinson, 198, Wednesday, kayoed Tony Blackstock, 196, in the fourth round.
Dave Cox, 147, Northhampton, TKO'd Mark Crouch, 146, Epsom, in four rounds.
Cecil Williams, 148, Birmingham, drew Danny Nyers, 147, Northhamton, in a six rounder.
(04-26-82)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Willie Booth, 137¼ outscored Ricky Beaumont, 135, eight.
Gary Petty, 151¾, decisioned Charlie Douglas, 153½, Larkhall, six.
Angelo d'Amore, 133½, Wembley, outpointed Graig Welsh, 136½ six.
Jeff Rymer, 173½, Hull, decisioned Paul Bussette, 179¼, six.
(04-26-82)

▲ **BRISTOL—Locarno Hall**—Eddie Neilson, 211, Swindon, knocked out Larry McDonald, 231, Tottenham, with a left hook in the third round.
Delroy Pearce, 143½, Tottenham, decisioned Mike Clemow, 144, Camborne, in six.
Sam Omedi, 142, Plymouth Kayoed Peter Ahmed, 144, Cardiff, at 0:30 of the first round.
Danny Shinkwin, 149, Boreham, decisioned Gary Petty, 150, Hull, in a six round bout.
Vince Varhey, 132, Sheffield, outpointed Shaun Shinkwin, in four.
Former British light welterweight champ Colin Power, 146¾ TKO'd Gerry McGrath 148¾, in three.
Dave Laxen, 128¾, Ruslip, TKO'd Alan Tombs, 130, Hastings, in seven rounds.
Lou Buttice, 132, Islington, decisioned Joshua Eshun, Brixton, 130, in a six rounder.
(04-27-82)

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JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF JUNE 16, 1982)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenji Shibata
1. Keitoku Senrima
2. Kenji Miyata
3. Yoshio Shinbori
4. Fujio Ozaki
5. Takao Sugimoto
6. Hammer Itoi
7. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
8. Rocky Takemoto

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Katsuhiro Sawada
1. Michihiro Horihata
2. Yohi Arai
3. Kazuhiko Yasuda

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jyunya Kushikino
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto
3. Mugen Kawasaka
4. Kazumi Nakao
5. Ikuya Toshinai
6. Koji Sasagawa
7. Sadao Saito
8. Kozo Fukuya
9. No Listing
10. No Listing

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tatsuya Moriyasu
1. Nobutaka Kuwata
2. Ryutaro Otsuki
3. Eiichi Fukumoto
4. Seitaro Chinen
5. Masaji Fujiwara
6. Kazunori Shiratori
7. Katsuhiro Okubo
8. Ryo Asuka
9. Shogun Hatakeyama
10. No Listing

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jyoken Narita
1. Hayao Shiba
2. Tadao Ishido
3. Takeshi Hamada
4. Cheyenne Yamamoto
5. Hiroshi Osumi

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yoshimitsu Azato
1. Yonekura Ikhoni
2. Ryu Fukida
3. Katsuji Sano
4. Masahiro Takagi
5. Blazer Okubo
6. Hideyuki Shikano
7. Toshiaki Nakamoto
8. Masaharu Owada
9. Yasuhide Takahashi
10. No Listing

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Toshiyuki Tanaka
2. Eijiro Kuruma
3. Yushin Napunyi
4. Gen Tosa
5. Masao Ogata
6. Condor Yamamoto
7. Hiroyuki Yatsu
8. Takuya Muguruma
9. Yoshinari Tanaka
10. Rusher Kawaguchi

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Naoki Kobayashi
2. Kenichi Ito
3. Bunji Ando
4. Satoshi Koguchi
5. Sanji Ito
6. Toshi Okuma
7. Hideharu Mitsui
8. Keiji Kawamura
9. Takeshi Mitsu
10. No Listing

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Suichi Isogami
1. Hurricane Teru
2. Hitoshi Ohashi
3. Mitsuo Imazato
4. Katsuyuki Ohashi
5. Ryu Takeshi
6. Makoto Taguchi
7. Katsuhiko Fukugomori
8. Yoshimi Oyama
9. No Listing
10. No Listing

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Tsutomu Itokazu
1. Jackal Maruyama
2. Hiroyuki Seki
3. Kiyoshi Oyama
4. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
5. Yasuo Azato
6. Kazuki Higa
7. Kazumi Sato
8. Marciano Sekiyama
9. Masayuki Kirisaki
10. No Listing

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Masaru Fuji
1. Syuichi Hozumi
2. Yuto Kazaki
3. Kazuyoshi Funaki
4. Kazumasa Tamaki
5. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
6. Shinji Takagi
7. Yoshiyuki Uchida
8. Mutsuo Watanabe
9. No Listing
10. No Listing

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Tomori
1. Koki Ishii
2. Hiroyuki Tada
3. Rikuo Watanabe
4. Katsumi Sato
5. Yoshiaki Nojima
6. Yoshiaki Kanda
7. Road Mitsu
8. Toshihiro Okumoto
9. Tetsumi Takeshita
10. Phoenix Taniguchi

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Jiro Watanbe (WBA junior bantamweight), Tadashi Tomori (WBC junior flyweight), Katsuo Tokashiki (WBA junior flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Tadashi Mihara (#6 WBA junior middleweight), Hidekazu Akai (#6 WBA junior welterweight), Akio Kameda (#1 WBA junior welterweight; #10 WBC welterweight), Hikaru Tomonari (#5 WBA junior lightweight), Kuniyoshi Kuwaba (#7 WBA junior featherweight), Fusao Imai (#4 WBA junior featherweight), Shoji Oguma #9 WBA junior bantamweight, #4 WBC), Koji Kobayashi (#8 WBA junior bantamweight; #10 WBC), Nobuyuki Watanabe (#9 WBA flyweight), Masaharu Inami (#8 WBC junior flyweight; #9 WBA).

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ **CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre**—Former WBA flyweight champion Peter Mathebula knocked out South African champ Welile Nkosinkulu in the seventh round.
Mathebula boxed with purpose, and dropped Nkosinkulu with a superb left hook for an eight-count in the seventh. Nkosinkulu regained his feet, but Mathebula trapped him in a corner and knocked him out with a vicious right to the jaw.
(04-14-82)

▲ **CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre**—Argentine middleweight Jacinto Fernandez scored a runaway points victory over South African champion Bruce McIntyre, 10.
Fernando Sosa, Argentina, outscored Bashew Sibaca, 10 rounds, feathers.
(05-10-82)

NATAL

▲ **DURBAN—West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium**—American Leroy Boone stopped South African giant Jimmy Abbott in the 10th and final round. Eric Moolman, referee.
Former WBA flyweight king Peter Mathebula outscored Joseph Ngubane, eight rounds, bantams.
(03-15-82)

▲ **PIETERMARITZBURG—YMCA Sports Centre**—Turning in one of the best performances of his checkered career, Leo Simelane knocked out American middleweight Ron Ford in the third session. Peter Conradt, referee.
Ford's fellow Texan, Richard Lord, won a narrow verdict over Eassau Dlamini, six.
(05-10-82)

TRANSVAAL

▲ **JOHANNESBURG—Rand Stadium**—Harold Volbrecht retained his South African welter crown with a lopsided decision over Gregory Clark in the 12-round main support to the Coetzee-LeDoux bout.
Brian Baronet outpointed American Tom Crowley, eight rounds, lightweights, in a bout that almost stole the show.
(03-27-82)

▲ **JOHANNESBURG—Ellis Park Rugby Stadium**—South African lightweight champion Aladin Stevens won a unanimous eight-round decision over Ivor Montalvo, Puerto Rico, on the Weir-Moore undercard.
Piet Crous retained his South African light heavyweight title by stopping badly outclassed Willie Opperman in the seventh.
Brian Baronet knocked out an American lightweight named Raymond Smith in the fourth.
Kenny Mitchell, a stablemate of Moore, and Gaybon Yekiso, drew, eight, bantamweights.
(04-26-82)

BERT BLEWETT

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yoshimitsu Azato, 130, retained his Japanese national junior lightweight crown by flooring Junichi (Blazer) Okubo, 129½, three times in the fourth round for an automatic knockout at 2:56 of the session. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.
The 5'9" Azato, piloted by Masaki Kanehira, is now 11-1-1 with seven kayoes. Okubo, 27, six years older than the champ, is 27-12 with 15 knockouts.
Rikuo Watanabe, 108, eked out a unanimous decision over Yoshiaki Nojima, also 108, 10. Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida and judge Kazunobu Asao, both 98-96; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-96. Watanabe, a southpaw, is coached by former WBA featherweight champion Shozo Saijyo. He's now 7-0 with two kayoes.
Four-rounders: Hisashi Nakatomi, 108, copped a unanimous (all 40-37) decision over Tomio Fujiwara, 105½. Tadashi Maruo, 120½, halted Taishi Irabu, 123½, at 0:28 of the first round with left hooks. Suminori Tokutome, 115, won a majority

KOREAN RATINGS BY THE KOREAN BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF MAY 31, 1982)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Byung-Rae Yuh
2. Soo-Hang Lee
3. Son-Kap Choi

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chang-Il Lim
1. Chang-Hwan Noh
2. Jin-Nam Kim
3. Bae-Kyong Park
4. Myung-Hwan Shin
5. Byung-Nam Choi
6. Yung-Kil Chang

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Byung-In Chang
1. Kyung-Min Nah
2. Ching-Ho Kim
3. Chung-Won Moon
4. Kyung-Soon Kim
5. Jae-Yung Yuh
6. Chi-Keun Song
7. Bum-Yuong Lee
8. Hyung-Dok Choi
9. Sang-Ho Lee
10. Bok-Kyu Lim

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung-Sop Suh
1. Seung-Soon Lee
2. Kyu-Sang Yuh
3. Hi-Yung Lee
4. Hong-Il Shin
5. Kwang-Yul Oh
6. Musok-Hwang
7. Chung-Won Park

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kyung-Hwan Chae
1. Yong-Dae Kim
2. Bok-Dong Chang
3. Jae-Seung Yuh
4. Seon-Goh Hwang
5. Ki-Hoon Kwak
6. Sang-Hyun Baek
7. Tae-Wang Kang
8. Hi-Soo Chung
9. Hwang Woo
10. Tae-Hoon Park

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Pil-Koo Lee
2. Heung-Sok Yuh
3. Hong-Kyu Lim
4. In-Chang Kim
5. Tae-Dong Chung
6. Park Hang
7. Kyu-Woon Choi
8. Seo-Haeng Lee
9. Sok-Kyu Park
10. Im-Bong Bang

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ki-Yung Chung
1. Seong-In Seo
2. In-Kil Kang
3. Sang-Yul Ahn
4. Seung-Don Yang
5. Chang-Jung Chun
6. Sang-Yun Choi
7. Chul-Hwan Seol
8. Kwan-Won Lee
9. Ki-Tae Kim
10. Soon-Chul Lee

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong-Hwan Oh
1. Chong-Soo Lee
2. Kwon Chul
3. Ji-Won Kim
4. Kang-San Lee
5. Jae-Heon Kim
6. Seung-Yun Oh
7. Chul-Soon Hwang
8. Yuh-Kyung Heo
9. Do-Bok Cha
10. Jun-Yung Kang

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mun-Kyun Joo
1. Ok-Kyun Yuh
2. Jae-Myung Choi
3. Kwang-Sok Lee
4. Ik-No Ahn
5. Chan-Yung Park
6. Sam-Yong Kim
7. Nan-Soo Park
8. Soo-Duk Seo
9. Yu-Dok Joo
10. Yung-Sam Cho

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Chul Park
1. Chan-Soo Chung
2. In-Wan Hwang
3. Dong-Chun Lee
4. Ki-Ho Shin
5. Soon-Jung Kang
6. Sang-Moon Lee
7. Yong-Ho Yun
8. Hyung-Shik Lim
9. Yong-Tae Kim
10. Soo-Kon Chang

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Ho-Chul Pyun
1. Hi-Sop Shin
2. Yong-Hyun Kim
3. Mun-Jin Choi
4. Jung-Hwan Kim
5. Chong-Kwan Chung
6. Oh-Kong Shon
7. Min-Woong Kim
8. Kyung-Shik Park
9. Ma-Loh Ji
10. Hwak-Yu Lee

Korean boxers holding world titles: Chul-Ho Kim (WBC super flyweight).

Korean boxers holding OPBF titles: Chong-Pal Park (middleweight), In-Chul Baek (junior middleweight), Jun-Sok Hwang (welterweight), Sang-Hyun Kim (junior welterweight), Deuk-Koo Kim (lightweight), Tae-Jin Moon (junior lightweight), Hwan-Kil Yuh (featherweight), Soon-Hyun Chung (junior featherweight), Soon-Chun Kwon (junior bantamweight), Hong-Soo Yang (flyweight), Sung-Nam Kim (junior flyweight).

Other Korean boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Chung-Jae Hwang (#1 WBA welterweight; #7 WBC), Sang-Ho Lee (#5 WBA junior welterweight), Chung-Il Choi (#5 WBC junior lightweight), Seung-Hoon Lee (#1 WBC bantamweight; #3 WBA), Suk-Chul Bae (#9 WBC junior bantamweight), Tae-Shik Kim (#8 WBA flyweight), Jung-Koo Chang (#7 WBA junior flyweight), Hwan-Jin Kim (#4 WBA junior flyweight; #9 WBC).

nod (38-38 and double 39-38) over debuting Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 114¾. (Tokutome is now 3-1.) Kazuhisa Kinoshita, 117¾, halted Fumihiro Shibayama, 115½, at 0:52 of the fourth and final session. Hideki Ishida, 126¾, knocked out Katsumi Hashiguchi, also 126¾, in 3:00 of the third. Southpaw Eiji Yoshikawa, 111¼, and Kazuhiko Nakagawa, 112, drew (double 39-39 and 39-38, Yoshikawa) in the opener.

Kyoie Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—1,400.

(03-01-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Isaiah (Yonekura) Ikohni, 130, a Kenyan living in Tokyo, halted lefty Takashi Sugimoto, 131, at 2:15 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Sugimoto was floored five times, while Ikiohni touched the canvas in the fifth round from an awkward right hook. Ken Morita, referee. Ikohni, who claims an amateur triumph over Cornelius Boza-Edwards, wasn't too impressive, missing far too many shots. He's now 4-0, all knockouts. Sugimoto, 22, is 9-12-4 with two kayoes.

Kenichi Ito, 121¾, won a unanimous decision over rookie southpaw Keiji Kawamura, also 121¾, 10. Ito was floored in the first round, but fought back hard for the remainder of the contest. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida and judge Masakazu Uchida, both 99-95; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-97. Ito is now 20-7-2 with 12 kayoes. Kawamura is 8-2-1 with four knockouts.

Four-rounders: Shinji Todo, 149, flattened Shuichiro Kawahira, 145½ with a wild right in 2:05 of the first session. Masahito Ikeda, 112, kayoed Kenichi Wako, 111¾, in 0:34 of the first round. Hitoshi Shindo, 124¼, and southpaw Mamoru Nagoshi, 126, drew, both making their pro debuts. Toru Yokoi, 121¾, floored Takashi Tomura, 122, in the third round and won via unanimous decision. Nobuharu Sekine, 121½, eked out a majority (40-38, 39-38, 38-38) verdict over Shinichi Enomoto, 121¼, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,600.

(03-02-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Up-and-coming 5'7" southpaw Koji Kobayashi, 116, was a little befuddled by the defensive skills of Filipino champion Flash Jagdon, also 116, but pounded out a unanimous decision, 10. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 97-96; judge Ken Morita, 99-94; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 98-95.

Kobayashi, the WBC's 11th ranked super flyweight, is now 16-1-2 with 11 kayoes. Jagdon is 36-4-1 with 10 knockouts.

Ryutaro Otsuki, 140, knocked out former Japanese champ Noboru (Shotgun) Hatakeyama, also 140, with a wicked overhand right in 1:57 of the second round in their scheduled 10. Otsuki is now 8-4 with six kayoes. Hatakeyama, 28, is 19-9-1 with six knockouts. He had better call it quits.

Masaharu Owada, 130, halted glass jawed veteran Ken Sogo, also 130, in 2:23 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Owada, 20, is now 6-5-1 with five knockouts. Sogo is 10-25-1 with seven kayoes.

Four-rounders: Shin Miyamoto, 136, polished off Tatsuo Kimura, 133¼, with a devastating right in 1:09 of the first session. Southpaw Shigemichi Sakatsuki, 126, won a unanimous decision over Chuji Handa, 124¼. Yonemaro Osada, 119¼, won a unanimous verdict over Hiroaki Morimoto, also 111¼. Hiroto Misawa, 106½, won a unanimous nod over Kanaya Serizawa, 108. Mitsuyuki Imaizumi, 107, dropped Toshitsugu Mitsui, 107, twice and stopped him at 1:09 of the first round in the opener.

Kadoebi Promotions. Nippon TV

Attendance—2,200.

(03-06-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Two six-rounders headlined. Tadao Yamane, 127¼, knocked out Hiroaki Kikuchi, 128, in 1:37 of the third round. Kokichi Yamamoto, 111½, outscored Makoto Fujishima, 111.

Four-rounders: Hideki Kanai, 112, stopped Kazutaka Ito, 111, at 2:07 of the fourth round. Haruhito Sakamoto, 120, and Katsuhiko Hasegawa, 119½, drew. Sadao Kosuga, 117½, and Keigo Yoshida, 116¾, drew. Junichi Misawa, 130, outscored Masami Inatomi, 129. Kenzo Ishibashi, 124, and Michio Sasaki, 125, drew. Toimohiro Kiyuna, 105¾, outpointed Kazuo Sawada, 107¼. Hiroshi Yamamoto, 121½, outscored Toshio Matsuda, 120½. Kenichi Imanishi, 126, was knocked out by Norioki Moto, 126¼, in 1:07 of the third round in the opener.

Yoichi Nago's King Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200.

(03-08-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Hilton Hotel—**This was a dinner show, originally scheduled for the Hotel New Japan on Feburary 19. A fire caused the postponement and the change in site.

Lanky Korean speedster Don-Young Kim, 117¼, TKO'd Japanese veteran Jiro Takada, 120, at 1:01 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Kim, the KBC's top bantam, is now 14-1-1. Takada, 29, six years Kim's senior, is 33-20-4 with 16 kayoes.

Naoki Kobayashi, 124, used a body attack to win a unanimous decision over Son-Woo Chung, also 124, Korea, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita and judge Masakazu Uchida, both 99-93; judge Kazunobu Asao, 98-93. Kobayashi is now 15-3-1 with five knockouts. Chung is 10-4-21 with two kayoes.

Kazuo Katsuma, 113, halted southpaw Masao Sugawara, 112½, at 0:41 of the fifth session in a scheduled six. Katsuma is now 8-4 with four kayoes. Sugawara is 5-10 with two knockouts.

Four-rounders: Yoshinori Uniwa, 130, kayoed Daisuke Sakai, 129½, in 1:50 of the second with wicked body punches. Hirotaka Ishida, 121½, outscored Kanji Itsukaichi, 122, in the opener.

Kambayashi Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,000.

(03-19-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Eijiro Murata, 118, retained his OPBF bantamweight title by dropping Shuichi Isogami, 117¾, once in the second round and thrice more in the third for an automatic knockout at 2:32 of the latter session. This was Eijiro's eighth consecutive defense, which tied the record set by OPBF bantamweight champion Leo Espinosa during March, 1956-October, 1958.

Official scoring prior to the kayo: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, judge Takeaki Kanaya, and judge Paul Field, all 20-18 under the 10-point "must" system. Murata is great at counterpunching the short men who try to fight inside, but has problems with taller boxers like Jeff Chandler.

Muratra is now 20-1-3 with 12 kayoes. Isogami, a left hooker, is 26-4-4 with 18 knockouts.

Six-rounders: Kiyomi Sato, 107¾, finished strong to take a close but unanimous decision over Kenji Ono, 106¾. Miotsuaki Kikuchi, 117½, won a hard fought unanimous duke over Takaharu Nishimura, 118, Murata's stablemate, in the most exciting contest of the night. Takahiro Masaki, 110¼, and Hiroyasu Kato, 111, drew (58-58, 59-58, 57-59).

Fours: Tomoyuki Oya, 128¾, and Nobuyoshi Suzuki, 127¾, drew in a battle of debutants. Takashi Sakakibara, 112, won a majority decision over Toshio Oki, also 112. Hitoshi Tomoshige, 124, flattened shorter Tadashi Matsuyama, 124¾, in 1:05 of the third round. Eijun Furusawa, 110¼, stopped Kazuya Iwamoto, 108½, with better reflexes and a solid overhand right in 1:35 of the second in the opener.

Kaneko Promotions. TBS-TV

Attendance—3,000 (overflow).

(03-23-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Former world flyweight king Shoji Oguma, 116, returned to ring warfare after a 10-month lay-off and won a close but unanimous decison over Chan-Yong Park, 115½, in 10 monotonous sessions. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 99-98; judges Hiroyuki Tezaki and Ken Morita, both 98-97. Oguma is now 37-9-1 with 20 kayoes. Park, 18, ranked fourth in the Korean ratings, is 7-2-2 with one knockout.

Kazuhiko Yasuda, 148, stopped veteran Kazumi Nakao, 146, at 2:04 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Kodai Kumazaki, referee. Yasuda is now 7-2 with four kayoes. Nakao is 9-14-1 with six knockouts.

Unbeaten but unimpressive Takashi Sengoku, 128½, won a hairline but unanimous decision over southpaw Tsohizo Kaneku, 129½, eight. Sengoku is now 7-0 with one kayo. Kaneku is 4-3 with a knockout.

Oishi (Young) Hideo, 129½, stopped Kazuo Nakata, also 129½, at 2:58 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Four-roundes: Tadashi Shimabukuro, 109¼, won a hairline unanimous (39-38, 40-39, 40-38) nod over Eisei Nonoyama, 110, though this reporter scored it a 38-38 draw. Shunji Ueno, 112¾, knocked out Naoki Hatayama, 112, with a good left hook in 2:11 of the first round. Toshinori Sueyoshi, 125¾, won a unanimous decision over Shoichi Ishida, also 125¾. Isao Koide, 118, stopped Kunio Takanami, also 118, at 1:03 of the second. Takashi Komatsu, 117¾, finished Isoroku Yamamoto, 116¼, at 1:13 of the first round in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—1,800.

(03-24-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Southpaw Kenji Shibata, 160, retained his Japanese middleweight crown by eking out a majority decision over less experienced Keitoku Senrima, also 160, 10. The 29-year-old Shibata floored Senrima with a right hook in the first round.

Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo, 97-97; judges Takeaki Kanaya and Hiroyuki Tezaki, 97-95 and 97-96, respectively. The 5'10¾" champion is now 30-8-4 with 17 kayoes. Senrima, a former basketball player, is 4-4 with two knockouts. The rookie deserves a rematch.

Shuichi Hozumi, 112, climbed off the canvas in the second

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5. Jun Resma (Philippines)
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9. Juanito Ablaca (Philippines)
10. Jusef (Indonesia)

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round to finish Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, also 112, at 2:44 of the sixth frame in their scheduled 10. Hozumi dropped his shorter rival three times in that fatal session. He's now 17-2 with five kayoes. Uchikoshi is 10-3-2 with four knockouts.

Masakuni Nakasone, 110¼, battered Ryuji Ichinomiya, also 110¼, and made him retire at the end of round six in the first 10-round bout of the evening.

Four-rounders: Masakazu Toyooka, 115, won a majority (double 39-38 and 38-38) nod over Junji Tsuchiya, also 115, in a battle of debutants. Ichiro Ogano, 122, stopped Hideki Ozuhata, also 122, with two knockdowns in 0:52 of the first. Yoshinobu Tabata, 118, polished off Kazumasa Yamashiro, also 118, at 1:04 of the first round in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,600.

(04-02-82)

▲ TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Fusao Imai, 126, the WBA's fifth ranked contender, got inside of taller Satoshi Okuma, also 126, and stopped him at 2:59 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Referee Ken Morita stopped the count at "five" after Okuma had been knocked down by a deep shot to the body.

Imai, 25, is now 11-4-2 with six kayoes. Okuma, coached by former WBA featherweight king Shozo Saijyo, is 11-5-1 with six knockouts.

Yuto Kazaki, 112, flattened Marciano Sekiyama, also 112, in 0:22 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Kozaki is now 4-0 with three kayoes. Sekiyama, two years his senior at 23, is 15-6 with 132 knockouts.

Koji Osumi, 135, knocked out Kaneatsu Yamamoto, 132, in 1:11 of the third round in a scheduled eight-round contest.

Rusher Kawaguchi, 125½, won a lopsided unanimous decision over slower southpaw Joe Hayato, also 125½, six. Kawaguchi, 20, is now 7-1 with two kayoes.

Four-rounders: Masakatsu Sakuma, 111¾, stopped Yoshitake Obi, 112, at 1:04 of the second. Southpaw Mamoru Nagoshi, 126, TKO'd Hiromi Matsunaga, 125, at 2:25 of the first. Nobuyuki Tabata, 139½, ran his log to 3-0 (all knockouts) by taking out Morio Watanabe, 139¼, at 2:58 of the third round in the opener. (Tabata, 18, will compete in the forthcoming *Shinjin-o* tourney, where his long reach—he's a six-footer—will be hard to overcome.)

Kyhokuto Miyoshi Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,600.

(04-06-82)

▲ KUMAMOTO—City Gymnasium—Katsuhiro Sawada, 151½, won the Japanese junior middleweight title with a disputed split decision over Yohi Arai, 153, 10. Scoring: referee Kazumasa Kuwata, 96-94, Swada; judge Hideki Shinohara, 97-96, Sawada; judge Kenjiro Makizumi, 96-95, Arai.

Arai dropped the local favorite with a roundhouse right in round three, but landed a low blow at the end of that same session that dropped Sawada flat. The ref gave the challenger a rest, and Sawada was able to fight back as furiously as he had before. Arai looked like he's won by a couple of points when the bout was over, but Sawada's hand was raised before the cheering crowd. Sawada, 5'10" and 26 years old, had boxed a controversial draw with then national champ Michihiro Horihata at Korakuen Hall on October 15, 1981—a bout Sawada had appeared to have won. Arai had then dethroned Horihata with a controversial verdict in Osaka on January 18.

Kenzo Takasugi, 125¼, outscored Koki Azuma, 125¾, eight.

Katsunori Kaneshima, 111, outpointed Moriyuki Akaboshi, 111¾, six.

Four-rounders: Yasunari Yamamoto, 133¾, outscored Minoru Nagata, 134. Seiji Maruyama, 121½, outpointed Shigeru Koide, also 121½. Masaya Ueda, 128, outpointed Masatoshi Wakamoto, 128¾. Tomoo Imai, 129½, knocked out Koichi Nishimura, 128, in 2:30 of the first round. Masanori Yokoyama, 129½, and Toshihiro Asakura, 127½, drew in the opener.

Toshinori Akechi's Kumamoto Club. No telecast.

(04-17-82)

▲ TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Yong-Dae Kim, 147, halted tricky Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto, 145, at 2:43 of the seventh in a scheduled 10. Paul Field, referee.

Kim, the KBC's third ranked junior welter, has fought his four last bouts in Japan, and is being booked out of the Royal Kawakami stable. He's now 2-1-1 in Nippon, with two kayoes. Kitsumoto is 6-3-1 with three knockouts. Scoring at the end of six: 60-56 (twice) and 60-55.

Former national featherweight king Spider Nemoto and newly WBA-ranked Kuniyoshi Kuwabara boxed a two-round exhibition.

Seitaro Chinen, 141¾, won a close decision over Sadao Saito, 143¾, eight. The lanky Chinen is now 8-4-2 with two kayoes. Saito is 5-3-2 with four knockouts.

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Takashi Suzuki, 118, won a majority decision over Isao (Wolf) Takashima, also 118, six.

Masayoshi Kashiwakura, 125, won a majority duke over Shizuo Iwamoto, 125¾, in their dull six.

Four-rounders: Nobuaki Sakauchi, 109, eked out a close but unanimous (all 39-38) decision over Hosaku Mori, 112. Ryoichi Saida, 129, won a unanimous verdict over shorter Masahiro Nishizaki, 130, in a battle of debutants. Toshihiro Tanaka, 125, outscored Susumu Nemoto, 124¾. Southpaw Yozo Shigesawa, 125, floored Hiroshi Sakurada, 124, twice and stopped him at 2:58 of the first round in the curtain raiser.

Tetsuwa Keihin Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200.

(04-17-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Masaru Fuji, 112, pulled off the Upset of the Month in Japan by knocking out defending champion Kazumasa Tamaki, also 112, in 1:55 of the seventh to win the Japanese flyweight crown.

Fuji caught up with the southpaw Fancy Dan and nailed him with a sudden combination followed by a right shot to the cheek. Tamaki went down, beat the count, and was promptly dropped again, for the full count.

Scoring after six: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 60-56; judges Paul Field and Yusaku Yoshida, 60-55 and 60-57, respectively—all for the defending champ.

Kazuyoshi Funaki, 111, the JBC's second ranked flyweight, kayoed hitherto unbeaten Tetsumi Takeshita, 110¼, in 2:52 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10-rounder for another upset. Funaki is now 11-13-2 with five kayoes. Takeshita is 6-1 with four knockouts.

Four-rounders: Kanji Itsukaichi, 122, outpointed Hiroshi Mizuno, 121½. Mitsuhiro Hatsushiba, 117, won a majority nod over Makoto Okuyanagi, also 117. Shigeji Tamaoki, 118, stopped Keigo Furuta, 118, at 1:21 of round three. Masanobu Suzuki, 110¼, halted Seiho Kutajima, 111, at 0:46 of the fourth and final session. Toshio Oki, 107½, suffered his first setback, losing on points to southpaw Shingo Ishikura, 108, in the opener.

Kyoei Yamagami Promotions. TBS-TV.

Attendance—2,000.

(04-21)82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Joken Narita, 135, closed strong to retain his Japanese lightweight title with a close but unanimous decision over Cheyenne Yamamoto, 134½, 10. Narita is now 15-13-1 with one knockout. Yamamoto, who was fighting eight-rounders several months ago, is 9-4-3 with three kayoes. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 98-95; judge Shoji Nakamori, 98-97; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-98.

Veteran Ryoetsu (Jackal) Maruyama, 118, demolished Takeshi Ruy, also 118, in 2:35 of round seven in their scheduled 10. Jackal got inside the taller Ryu and knocked him down three times in the seventh for the automatic knockout. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.

Skinny southpaw Kentoku Nakama, kayoed Yuichi Uchida, 110¼, in 1:30 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Nakama, 19, is now 7-1-1 with three kayoes; he looks very promising. Uchida is 5-7 with three knockouts.

Four-rounders: Makjoto Mochizuki, 146¾, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over taller Jun Nishimura, 146½. Southpaw Keiji Arai, 139½, and Hiroshi Hori, 139¼, drew. Masahiro Sasano, 112, won a shutout unanimous verdict over Shigeo Matsumoto, 111¾. Masahiro Sasaki, 121½, won a close but unanimous nod over Shotgun Suzuki, 120. Kinya Nakamura, 107½, won a unanimous (all 40-38) decision over Masaru Honma, 108, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,000.

(04-29-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲ **DAEJUN—Chungmu Gymnasium—**Sensational hard hitting Kyung-Min Nah, 159½, demolished Filipino welterweight champ Mike de Guzman, 159, in 1:20 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Nah, the KBC's top rated junior middle, is now 5-0-all knockouts.

Veteran Chong-Ho Kim, 154¼, outpointed Tai-Kuk Park, 131¾, in a non-title 10. Kim is now 27-9-5 with 20 kayoes. Chang is 4-5-4 with four knockouts.

Chong-Kwon Ahn, 131½, outpointed Tai-Kuk Park, 131¾, in the program's first 10-rounder. Ahn is now 7-1-1 with two kayoes. He's the KBC's eighth ranked lightweight.

Four-rounders: Sun-Chul Lee, 124½, outpointed Sung-Youl Kim, 122¼. Ok-Yong Kim, 130, outscored Suk-Chan Kim, 129½. Kwang-Chul Ahn, 110¼, halted Joo-Young Lee, 107¾, at 0:52 of the second in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(02-27-82)

▲ **CHUNGJU—Chungju Gymnasium—**Sturdy southpaw Deuk-Koo Kim, 135, won the OPBF lightweight crown with a lopsided unanimous decision over defending titlist Kwan-Min Kim, also 135, 12.

The 22-year-old Deuk-Koo was aggressive from the outset effectively landing straight lefts and following right hooks. Kwant-Min tried to fight back toe-to-toe, but was out-powered and outsped by the younger challenger. In the ninth frame, Deuk-Koo sidestepped and countered the champ with a crisp right hook that put him on the seat of his trunks for a compulsory eight-count. Kwant-Min went all out for a kayo in the last session. He was unsuccessful, though he won the round.

Scoring: referee Chul-Hee Han, 119-112; judge Hwan-Soo Yuh, 120-111; judge Kwang-Woo Lee, 120-113. Deuk-Koo Kim was born on August 1, 1959. He's now 13-1-1 with seven kayoes. Kwant-Min is 21-4-1 with seven knockouts.

Six-rounders: Tai-Jin Kim, 123¾, halted Dong-Kil Cho,

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124½, at 0:32 of the third round. Sung-Kyu Cho, 118, outscored Young-Sam Cho, 117¼.

Fours: Chong-Hyok Yim, 114, outscored Kyu-Chan Cho, also 114. Hee-Won Lee, 108¼, stopped Sung-Kyu Park, 109¾, at 1:46 of the second. Il-Kwang Park, 116½, stopped In-Sub Choi, 118, at 2:44 of the fourth and final inning in the opener.

Hyundial Promotions.

(02-28-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Chamsil Gymnasium**—Former OPBF junior lightweight champion Yong-Hyun Kim, 110, outpointed Noel Tibay, 110¼, Philippines, 10. Kim is now 18-7-3 with four kayoes.

Hong-Kyu Lim, 136½, halted Tomas Bernnales, 135½, Philippines at 1:49 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Lim is now 14-1 with 10 kayoes.

Four-rounders: Kwang-Shik Choi, 116¾, outscored Suk-Sung Hwang, 116¼. Won-Ho Lee, 127¾, halted Jung-Hwan Choi, 127¾, at 2:58 of the second. Soo-Chul Park, 118¾, outpointed In-Koo Kang, 119, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(03-06-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chong-Pal Park, 160, successfully defended his OPBF middleweight title for the 12th time as he dropped Australian challenger Ritchie Roberts, 156¾, twice in the sixth round, twice more in the seventh, and again-for the full count—in 1:32 of the eighth session. Roberts had outpunched and outboxed Park in the first five rounds, but faded in the sixth. Chong-Pal is now 24-2-1 with 23 kayoes.

Former Korean welterweight champion Jun-Sok Hwant, 150½, demolished Thai newcomer Brirum Suenmisakavan, 150, at 1:03 of the fourth round in the scheduled 10-round semi-final.

Mun-Kyun Joo, 115, retained his Korean junior bantam title by outpointing You-Ok Joo, 115, 10.

Ok-Kyun Yuh, 115¾, the KBC's second ranked junior bantamweight, stopped Yun-Hee Kim, 116½, at 1:25 of the seventh in the first 10-rounder of the program. Yuh is now 5-0 with one kayo. Kim is 5-11-2 with one knockout.

Yong-Che Kim, 110¼, and Rae-Hee Ahn, 109½, drew six.

Four-rounders: Jae-Tai Sa, 115¼, and Yong-Kil Choi, 115¾, drew. Hee-Youn Chung, 118½, outpointed Yong Yun, 118¾, outpointed Yong Yun, 118¾, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(03-07-82)

▲ **TAEGU—Indoor Gynasium**—Sun-Chun Kwon, 113, retained his OPBF junior bantam title by stopping southpaw Ali Formentera, 114¾, Philippines, at 2:35 of round six in their scheduled 12-round championship bout. Kwon, the WBA's fifth ranked contender, is now 12-2-1 with seven kayoes.

Korean junior welterweight champion Kyung-Hwan Chai, 134¾, outpointed Sung-Ho Kim, 131¾, eight. Chai's crown was not at stake, as the bout was fought under the lightweight limit.

Sang-Dae Lee, 124½, and Jung-Taw Hour, 128¾, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Dong-Hwa Kim, 132, outpointed Sung-Sub Ro, 134. Yung-Ho Oung, 111½, and Myung-Gu Oh, 113, drew, Daw-Keun Park, 114½, outscored Sung-Bok Kang, 114, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(03-07-82)

▲ **WONJU—Wonju Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 141, ran his log to 21-0 (17 kayoes) by knocking out Romeo Olivetti, also 141, Philippines, with a devastating left hook in 0:32 of the third round in a scheduled 10. The 20-year-old Lee looks very promising.

Ho-Chul Pyun, 107½, retained his national junior fly crown by outscoring Min-Woong Kim, also 107½, 10. Pyun is now 13-4-1 with five kayoes. Kim is 7-2-2 with five knockouts.

Kwang-Sok Lee, 116, the KBC's second ranked flyweight, won a unanimous decision over Hyo-Myong Yuh, 116½, in the program's first 10-rounder. Lee is not 11-5-1 with two kayoes. Yuh is 5-3-1, no knockouts.

Hyung-Shik Lim, 114, outscored Yong-Tai Kim, 114¾, eight.

Kwan-Won Lee, 129½, kayoed Bong-Hee Lee, 131½, in 2:31 of round one in a sceduled six.

Hyung-Kon Yuh, 111¾, outscored Chun-Uw Koo, 1114¼. Tae-Jin Kim, 126 ¾, outpointed Soo-Pyo Hong, 127¼. Tae-Il Chang, 112, outscored Yn-Shik Chai, 111½, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.

(03-20-82)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—OPBF junior middleweight champion In-Chul Baek, 158¼, fractured his right hand, but kayoed Kenji Miyata, 158½, in 1:08 of round nine in their scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Baek, 20, is now 17-0—all knockouts, but he isn't a solid one-punch hitter or a combination puncher. In-Chul was befuddled by Miyata's left jabs prior to the knockout, which came when Kenji was knocked out of the ring.

Up-and-coming Il Yang, 130, easily stopped Thai import Usopnoi Lukakadyotin, 128¾, at 1:47 of the third round in the semi-final 10. Yang is now 15-22-2 with five kayoes.

Sam-Yong Kim, 118, outscored How-Bok Cha, also 118, eight.

Yong-Ho Yun, 116¾, outpointed Yong-Duk Choi, also 116¾, six.

Four-rounders: Byung-Kuk Oh, 124½, stopped Jung-Yong Moon, also 124½, at 2:34 of the second. Sung-Ki So, 119, kayoed Dae-Hi Tai, 118¼, in 2:52 of the first. Jun-Gu Lee, 140¾, outscored Hwa-Yong Song, 140¼, outscored Hwa-Yong Song, 140¼, in the opener.

Hanjin Promotions.

(03-21-82)

▲ **TAEGU—Indoor Gymnasium**—Former OPBF lightweight champion Yong-Ho Oh, 136, won a unanimous decision over Rod Sequenan, 135¾, Philippines, 10. Oh is now 45-9-5 with 29 kayoes. He wants to challenge the new OPBF champ, Deuk-Koo kim.

Tak-Dong Chung, 140¼, won an upset decision over Sou-Hyang Lee, 141, the KBC's fourth ranked junior welter, 10. Chung is now 3-1 (two kayoes) in the pro ranks. Lee is 11-7-3 with two knockouts.

Eight-rounders: Oh-Hyung Lee, 132, halted Sung-Dae Kim, 132¼, at 1:53 of the first round. Chang-Shik Park, 119¼, and Yang-Il Shin 118¾, drew. Dong-Chun Lee, 115¾, outscored Jung-man Park, 114½

Four-rounders: Shin-Hyuna Cho, 120¼, outpointed Yong-Hi Lee, also 120¼. Hi-Jae Yuh, 128, outscored Hae-Jin Lee, 126¼, in the opener.

Daisan Promotions

(03-21-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Ik-No Ahn, 115¾, halted Mitsuo Imazato, 115¼, at 1:49 of the first round in a scheduled 10. A beautiful right cross over a left jab dropped Imazato for a mandatory eight count, and a wicked left hook floored him again and ended the bout.

Ahn, one of the most talented prospects in Korea, is now 7-0 with six kayoes.

Eight-rounders: Kyong-Shik Park, 109½ won an upset verdict over Hwa-Kyu Lee, 108¾. Jung-Won Moon, 155¾, halted Bum-Yong Lee, also 155¾, at 1:30 of the third.

Jae-Sung Aum, 111¾, outscored Tae-Il Chang, 111, six.

Fours: Kyu-Myong Choi, 138, outpointed Kwant-Soo Chang, 138¾. Bi-Wong Chung, 110¼, stopped Byung-Hwa Chung, 109¼, at 2:59 of the second. Oh-Kyong Kim, 133½, and Un-Kyu Park, 132¼, drew in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(03-28-82)

▲ **CHUNGJU—Indoor**—Bok-Dong Chang, 142¾, outscored Byong-Sun Yuh, also 142¾, 10. Chang is now 8-3-1 with two kayoes.

Sang-Muk Lee, 117¼, and Soo-Duk Suh, 115¾, drew, eight.

Four-rounders: Ki-Young Kim, 109¼ outpointed Chung-Bok Park, 109½. Chan-Yong Yun, 119¾, outscored Wol-Sub Shin, 120¼. Myong-Wo Yuh, 112½, outpointed Byong-Bum Choi, 114¼, in the opener

Hyuna-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions.

(03-28-82)

▲ **CHUCHON—Indoor Gymnasium**—Korean junior flyweight champion Ho-Chul Pyun, 111¼, floored Japanese newcomer Yoshiaki Kanda, 12½, in the fourth, sixth, and seventh rounds and stopped him at 0:58 of the seventh in their scheduled 10. Pyun is now 14-4-1 with five kayoes.

Chan-Soo Chung, 115¼, outpointed Sang-Moon Lee, also 115¼, 10. Chung, ranked fifth by the KBC, is now 10-4-2 with six knockouts.

Sung-Oh Hwang, 140¼, outscored Yong-Man Park, 143½, eight.

Kwan-Won Lee, 129¾, outpointed Han-Tak Lim, 130, six.

Four-rounders: Chun-soo Kang, 116¾, outscored Chun-Sung Yuh, also 116¾. Moon-Koo Lee, 126½, and Young-Soo Park, 127½, drew. Wo-Chul Park, 119, and Bong-Ho Lee, 119¾, drew. Un-Sol Choi, 116, and Jung-Uw Park 116¾, drew. Chul-Soo Lim, 130, lost to Sa-Myung Kim, 132¼, in the opener.

Kyu-Chul Kim's Wonjin Promotions.

(04-03-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Deuk-Koo Kim, 135, retained his OPBF lightweight title by knocking out Suradej Klongphajorn, 134½, Thailand, in 2:54 of the first round.

The champion ducked under a left jab and drove a hook into the Thai boxer's stomach. Suradej went down in agony and was counted out.

Kim, a southpaw, is now 14-1-1 with seven kayoes.

Min-keun Oh, 124¾, kayoed Nasai Charlermchaigym, 124, Thailand, with a wicked left to the belly in 2:53 of the second in their scheduled 10. Oh is now 6-1 with two knockouts.

Yung-Sop Yuh, 147½, won the vacant Korean welterweight title by outpointing Kyu-Sang Yuh, 146¼, in the program's first 10-rounder. Yung-Sop is now 12-2-3 with seven kayoes. Kyu-Sang is 5-2 with two knockouts.

Jae-Hun Kim, 116¾, outscored Soo-Kon Chang, also 116¾, eight.

Four-rounders: Ki-Soo Kim (not the former world junior middleweight champion), 116¼, outscored Young-Hwan Kim, also 116¼, Sun-Yong Kang, 115¾, outpointed Yong-Kil Choi, 116¾, in the curtain raiser.

Hyuna-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions.

(04-04-82)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Seung-Hoon Lee, 121¾, the WBC's top rated bantam, halted Arcadej Singjomthong, 122¼, at 2:02 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. The 5'8" Lee is now 21-3 with seven kayoes.

Jung-Koo Chan, 110¼, the WBA's eighth ranked junior flyweight, stopped Luk-odd Phitiporn, also 110¼, Thailand, at 2:54 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Chang is now 17-0 with eight kayoes. He's only 19, and one of the best prospects in Korea.

Hi-Sop Shin, 111¼, stopped Mal-Oh Ji, also 111¼, at 1:29 of the third frame in the program's first 10-rounder. Shin is now 17-1-1- with six knockouts. He's the KBC's top rated junior flyweight.

Byung-Kuk Oh, 125½, outpointed Chang-Ahn Moon, 123½, six.

Hi-Yung Lee, 138¾, outscored Chang-Soo Yun, 147¼, in the four-round opener.

Hangjin Promotions.

(04-04-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sa-Wang Kim, 131¾, outscored Lulu Villaverde, 131¼, Philippines, 10. Kim, who once fought Esuevio Pedroza for the WBA title, is now 18-2 with 14 kayoes.

In-Chang Kim, 138¾, disposed of durable Rolando Aldemire, also 138¼, Philippines, in 1:56 of the ninth count in their scheduled 10. Kim is now 4-0 with two knockouts.

Nan-Soo park, 118, outpointed Soo-Hee Son, also 118, six.

Four-rounders: Suk-Poul Kang, 123¾, outscored Sung-Yul Kim, 125¾. Kang-Chul Ahn, 110¾, outpointed Pong-Sun Park, 110, in the opener.

Keun-Huo Choi's Ilhwa Promotions. (04-10-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Hwan-Kil Yuh, 126, retained his OPBF featherweight title with a unanimous decision over the Suvan Muangsurin, 125¼, Thailand, 12. The Thai was decked in the fifth round.

Sok-Chul Bae, 117¾, halted Kiyoshi Oyama, also 117¾, at 1:28 of the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. Bae, the WBC's 10th ranked junior bantam, is now 15-2-1 with eight kayoes.

Chong-Soo Lee, 120¾, knocked out taller Hitoshi Ohashi, 120¼, in 1:59 of round four in a gory affair, the first 10-rounder on the program. Lee is now 15-4-1 with 10 kayoes.

Sung-Yuh Oh, 116¾, knocked out Shi-Ho Yuh, also 116¾, in 2:38 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Hai-Youl Yang, 116¼, halted Sung-Kyu Cho, 116¾, at 1:45 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

So-Jun Shin, 114, outscored Chong-Man Chung, 113¾, six.

Four-rounders: Chong-Kuk Son, 110, outscored Ik-Won-Kim, 110¼. Kyu-Chan Cho, 113½, outpointed Ahn-Soo Chang, also 113½. Kwang-Chun Lee, 113¼, outscored Joum-Soo Park, 113, in the opener.

Wa-Ryong Yuh's Waryong Promotions.

(04-11-82)

▲ **POFAN—Pofan Junior High School Playground**—Chang-Won Moon, 1155¾, the KBC's fifth ranked junior middle, halted Hong-Il Shin, 153, at the end of round four in a scheduled 10.

Moon is now 8-1 with five kayoes. Shin, the KBC's seventh ranked welterweight, is 3-7-1.

Min-Soo Lee, 131¼, scored an upset TKO over Chang-Kwon Ahn, 131, at the end of round six in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. Ahn, the KBC's seventh ranked junior lightweight, falls to 7-2-1 with two kayoes. Lee improves to 8-10-3 with one knockout.

Chan-Jun Chun, 125¼, knocked out Kyung-Joo Ha, 124, in 0:40 of round five in the program's first 10-rounder. Chun, is now 8-2-3 with three kayoes.

Ok-Yong Kim, 128½, outpointed Ho-Kang Kim, 129½, six.

Four-rounders: Won-Do Chang, 118¼, outscored Chong-Duk Kim, 118½. Sung-Sup Ro, 125½, demolished Jung-Ki Lee, also 125½, in 1:45 of round three in the opener.

Leehon Promotions.

(04-11-82)

▲ **RYOISAN—Ryoisan Agricultural University Playground**—OPBF junior lightweight champion Tai-Jin Moon, 133½, outscored Filipino Rod Dequenan, 133, in a non-title 10.

Sang-Jun Cha, 135½, kayoed Sok-Kyu Park, 135¼, in 1:17 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10. Cha is not 9-1-2 with seven kayoes. Park is 12-3-2 with six knockouts.

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Heung-Sok Yuh, 136½, the KBC's top rated lightweight, halted Filipino champion Flash Villamer, also 136½, at 2:29 of round six in a scheduled 10. Yuh is now 13-1-1 with 10 knockouts.

Former OPBF junior lightweight champ Young-Saw Oh, 134½, won a unanimous decision over Geron Porras, 133¾, Philippines, 10. Oh is 11-1 with six kayoes.

Ji-wan Kim, 123¼, outscored Efren Quinta, 122½, Philippines, 10. Kim is now 3-2.

Ik-Ro Ahn, 115¼, the KBC's fifth rated junior bantam extended his log to 8-0 (six kayoes) by outpointing Fred Quanzon, also 115¼, Philippines, in the program's first 10-rounder.

Sung-Moon Choi, 118½, kayoed Yang-Il Shin, also 118½, in 1:05 of round four in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Tae-Jin Kim, 126¾, outpointed Jae-Kyon Ha, 127¾. Sang-Wo Choi, 139½, halted Oh-Kyong Kim, also 139½, at the end of the second. Bo-Sok Yuh, 150, outscored Joung-Wo Lee, 149¼, in the opener.

Soon-Chang Suh's Saeki Promotions.

(04-17-82)

▲ **CHUNJU—Chunju Gymnasium**—A sensational upset! OPBF welter champion Chung-Jae Hwang, who was scheduled to fight ex-WBA champ Pipino Ceuevas on the (later cancelled) Hagler-Hearns card, was knocked out by unbeaten Jun-Sok Hwang, 145¼, in 2:45 of the eighth round, losing his OPBF crown in the process.

Chung-Jae, 146¾, hit the deck on five occasions twice in the second session and three more times in the eighth frame for the automatic knockout. A solid right cross over Chung-Jae's left jab scored the first knockdown, and flurry of lefts and rights dropped him again. The defending champ remained on his feet for the next five rounds. But the contest was onesided, with Chung-Jae fading out rapidly. Jun-Sok turned the heat on in the eighth, and that was it.

Jun-Sok is now 16-0 with seven knockouts. He's 21 years old, and short-but-sturdy, a durable and solid hooker who won the Korean Novice King tourney in 1980 and stopped Japanese Novice King champion Tamotsu Myojin in two quick rounds on June 14 of the same year.

Chung-Jae Hwang is now 22-1 with 19 knockouts.

(04-18-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chong-Pal Park, 160, retained his OPBF middleweight body shot in 2:59 of the fourth round. Park is now 25-2-1 with 24 kayoes.

Korean junior featherweight champion Seong-In Suh, 124½, stopped Dede Muryado, 123½, Indonesia, at 240 of the second in a scheduled 10. Suh is now 16-2 with six kayoes.

Ok-Kyun Yuh, 116¾, ran his record to 6-0 (two kayoes) by stopping Sergio Fernando, 115¾, Philippines, at 2:35 of round three in the program's first 10-rounder.

Jung-Kwon Kang, 143½, demolished Il-Kwan Chun, 143¾, at 1:13 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Joung-Sok Lim 129¼, and Cha-Uong Lim, 129½, drew, six.

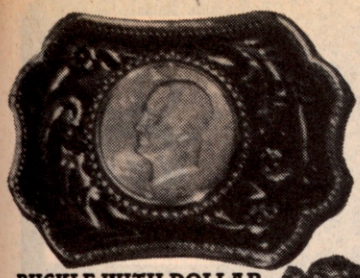
You-kyong How, 118½, outpointed Jun-Yong Chang, 119¼, six.

Four-rounders: Chung-Yok Kim, 140¾, outscored Sang-Chun Lee, also 140¾. Dong-Kap Park, 128½, knocked out Hae-Jin Lee, 127¾, in 1:00 of the first round in the opener.

Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions.

(04-18-82)

▲ **KWANGJU—Indoor Gymnasium**—OPBF junior middle



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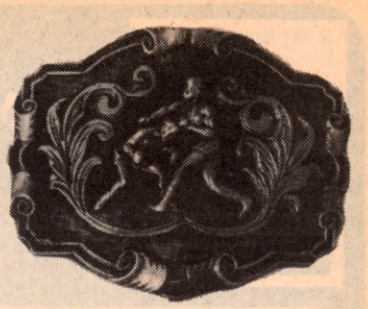

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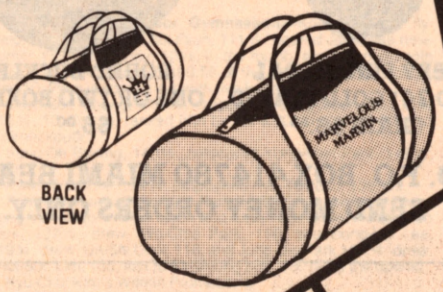

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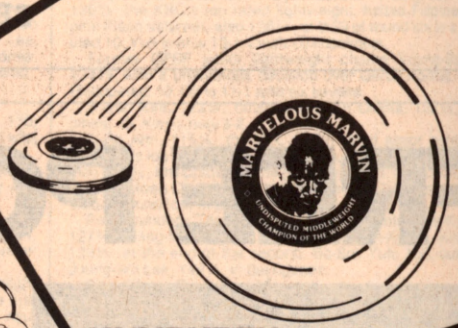

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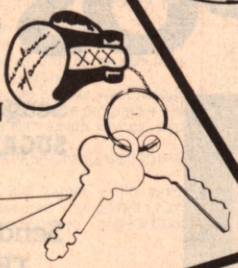

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Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong thotions.

(04-24-82)

▲ **ULSAN—Ulsan Gymansium—**Former WBC junior welterweight champ Sang-Hyun Kim, 140, retained his OPBF crown with a lopsided unanimous decision over shorter Sang-Hyun Baek, 139½, 12. Kim, a southpaw, tired in the last three rounds, probably due to having had to take off too much weight.

Scoring: referee Chong-Sun Kang, 119-114; judge Jae Son Lee, 119-112; Jude Dong-In Han, 119-115.

Kim, a southpaw, is now scheduled to square off against Saoul Mamby in a WBC world championship rematch.

(04-25-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium—**Il-Bok Lee, 131½, the WBC's 14th ranked junior lightweight, halted Santhi Donjadee, 130, Thailand at 2:01 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Lee is not 20-3 with 13 kayoes.

Hong-Kyu Lim, 136¼, finished Filipino veteran Max (Boy) Toyogon, 135½, at 1:44 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Lim, the KBC's second ranked lightweight, is now 15-1 with 11 knockouts.

Four-rounders: Yung-Sam Cho, 117¼, outpointed Soo-Chul Park, 119½. Bi-Won Chung, 109¾, stopped Keun-Pil Chung, 109¼, at 1:32 of the second. Ki-Moon Kwan, 124¼, outscored Sok-Jin Kim, 124. Myung-Wo Yuh, 111¼, outpointed 124¼, outscored Sok-Jin Sung-Shik Kim, 132¼, outpointed Chul-Hyun Kim, 131½, in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.

(04-26-82)

▲ **CHUNCHON—Indoor Gymnsaium—**Sensational Kyung-Ming Nah, 160¾, polished off Korean national champ Byung-In Chang, 160½, in 2:22 of round four in a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. Chang drops to 4-6-4 with four kayoes. He will have to meet Nah in a title defense soon.

John-Ho Kim, 147, won a unanimous decision over Flash Romeo, 145½, Philippines, 10. Kim is now 28-9-5 with 20 knockouts.

Chang-Hwan Ro, 159¾, and Kyung-Kim, 158¾, drew, 10.

Four-rounders: Jang-Jun Kim, 162, hlated Jin-Koo Lee, 159½, at 1:35 of round three. Joe-Hyun lee, 135½; and Ki-Hyung Lee, 136¼, drew. Kwang-Chul Ahn, 110, outpointed Chung-Wo Gu, 109¼, in the opener.

Keun-Huo Choi's Ilhwa Promotions.

(04-27-82)

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PHILIPPINES

▲ **CADELARIA, QUEZON—**Rodrigo Saonoy, 112, won a unanimous decision over Remigio Aguilar, also 112, 10. Victor Valdez, referee.

Noli Macabos, 124, and Eric Vildozola, also 124, drew, 10.

Celso Esmero, 136, and Jun Ba Utista, 135, drew eight.

Leonardo Saonoy, 110, won a unanimous verdict over Sergio Molabola, also 110, six.

Four-rounders: Armando Barzuela, 112, won a unanimous decision over Freddie Makairan, 111. Edward Bucton, 110, won a unanimous duke over Ruztum Aguilar, also 110, in the opener.

GAB witness—Rodrigo Perez.

Promoter—Grego Garcia

(02-03-82)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY—**Filipino lightweight champion Flash Villamer, 134½, retained his crown by stopping former Oriental junior lightweight boss Rey Tam, also 134½, in the 11th session of their scheduled 12-round championship bout. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Little Balsigan, 131, TKO'd Rudy Arias, also 131, in the fifth round of the scheduled 10-frame semi-final.

Flash Romeo, 140½, halted Leo Viajedor, 136½, midway in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Roger Salasa, 135, won a majority decision over Ric Dolotallas, also 135, in the program's second scheduled 10-round contest.

Johnny Magastino, 130½, won a unanimous decision over Virgilio Berdiflor, 131, in the first 10.

Danny Espiritu, 126, won a unanimous decision over Lito Zarda, also 126, eight. Army Wonder Boy, referee.

Six-rounders: Tony Agalatiw, 112, TKO'd Danny de Vera, 108½, in round three. Catalino Rabanes, 130½, TKO'D Ramon Albacio, 130, in the third.

Fours: Nestor Arlantico, 126, halted Cesar Chawag, 125, in the second. James Aladew, 111, stopped Capino, Jr., 107, in the first round of the opener.

GAB witness—Atty. Godofredo Ca. Fandialan.

Promoter—Robinson Alatiw.

(02-06-82)

▲ **CABUYAO, LAGUNA—**Romeo Olivetti, 135, the GAB's sixth ranked lightweight, won via technical decision over Eddie Cejas, also 135, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Tom Evaristo, referee.

Berlin Olivetti, 119, was awarded a tech decision over Rene Dobru, 120, in the 10th and final round of their bout.

Johnny Castro, 120, TKO'd Charlie Carola, also 120, midway in the seventh round of the first 10.

GAB witness—Virgilio Delos Reyes.

Promoter—Oscar Reyes (former Orient champ).

(02-06-82)

▲ **PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex—**Gerron Porras, 132, the GAB's fifth ranked junior lightweight, won a unanimous decision over veteran Erning Grafe, also 132, 10. Major Deocariza, referee.

Morris Pastor, 120, won a unanimous verdict over Boy Chua, 119½, 10. Major Flores, referee.

Joe Hiyas, 120, eked out a split decision over Amado Cabato, also 120, in the program's first 10-rounder.

Jun Bobier, 113, won a unanimous decision over Oscar Gonzales, 112, eight.

Edison Saladaz, 132, won a lopsided unanimous verdict over Fred Padilla, 129, six.

Four-rounders: Gene Morados, 111, halted Mike Warlito, also 111, in the third. Tizal Ty and Pablito Lazola, both 120, drew. Roberto Palerit, 112, won a unanimous verdict over Romy Abolencia, also 112, in the opener.

GAB witness—Ernesto Malabanan.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.

(02-06-82)

▲ **MAGSAYSAY, MINDORO—**Edel Geronimo, 113, won a unanimous decision over Lito Zarda, also 113, six.

Medel Embanecido, 123, TKO'd Snooky Pacana, also 123, in the first round of the four-round opener.

GAB witness—Danny Rodenas.

Promoter—Felimon Vasquez

(02-12-82)

▲ **URDANETA, PANGASINAN—**Allan Makitoki, 112½, won a unanimous nod over Little Young, 106½, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Eight-rounders: Johnny Gallardo, 115, and Fel Cabrera, 120, drew. Igme Fernando, 113, TKO'd Noli (Boy) Osorio, 112, in the fifth.

Four-rounders: Rey Torrenski, 112, halted Rocky Brando, also 112, in the fourth and final session. Cielo Ancoog, 129, stopped Nestor Arlantico, also 129, in the third round of the opener.

GAB witnesses—Virgilio Delos Reyes, Leonardo Trinidad.

Promoter—Felizardo Mendoza.

(02-13-82)

▲ **ORANI, BATAAN—**Fred Galand, 145, won a majority decision over Young dela Cruz, 144, 10. Cris Pineda, referee.

Eddie Miral, 124, TKO'd Alex Bitong, 127, in the fifth round of the 10-round semi-final.

Roland Maxwell, 122, won a unanimous decision over Star Dan, 123, in the eight-round opener.

GAB witness—Ernesto Malabanan.

Promoter—Efren Nazal.

(02-13-82)

▲ **SAN JOSE, MINDRO—**Seasoned veteran Joe Lim 140, the GAB'S sixth rated junior welter, won a split duke over Leo Casino, also 140, 10. Valeriano Deocariza, referee.

Nick Dalisay, 113, won a split decision over Greg Pacaunces, also 113, in the six-round opener.

GAB witness—Major Valeriano Deocariza.

Promoter—Alfredo Martinez.

(02-19-82)

▲ **STO. ROSARIO, DOMINGO—**Elmer Leonardo, 130, won an upset unanimous decision over Fel Viesca, Jr., 129, the GAB's top rated junior lightweight, 10. Leonardo received an honorable mention in the GAB's next monthly ratings.

Gener Cruz, 129, won a unanimous duke over Sandy Noora, 127, 10.

Rudy Garcia, Jr., 112, won a majority nod over Edward Bucton, 110, six.

Four-rounders: Archie Garcia, 133, won a unanimous decision over Pol Canga, 132, Jun Mangahas, 118, won a majority duke over Edgar Estrabon, also 118. Jimmy Sumalbag, 105, TKO'd Gil Noses, also 105, in the first round of the opener.

GAB witnesses—Ernesto Malabanan and Carlos Dizon.

Promoter—Samuel Garcia.

(02-21-82)

▲ **MANILA—Suansing Sports Gymnasium—**Danilo Limpahan, 138, the GAB's seventh ranked welter, had his bout with Romulo Oguimas, 135, called a tech draw in the 10th and final round. Tom Evalisto, referee.

Ely Bautista, 110, TKO'd Rito Donayre, 110½, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.

Lorenzo Nabuab, 131, knocked out southpaw Celso Esmero, 132, in the sixth canto of the program's first 10-rounder.

Four-rounders: Rudy Grande, 115, won a unanimous decision over Doms Domora, 118. Nelson Balongcas, 128, was held to a majority draw by Eddie Hipolito, 124, in the opener.

GAB witness—Nicanor Celebrado.

Promoter—Paciencia Hitosis.

(02-21-82)

▲ **MARIKINA, METRO MANILA—**Rodrigo Saonoy, 116, and Eufronio Payod, also 116, drew, 10. Nestor Olivetti, referee.

Sugar Rey Roland, 130, won a unanimous verdict over Fernando Nercua, also 130, in the 10-round semi-final, also refereed by Olivetti.

Amado Cabato, 119½, TKO'd Hilbert Aragon, 120½, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Six-rounders: Ver Gatse, 127, TKO'd Pablito Mercado, 125¾, in the second. Danny Martinez, 128, won a unanimous decision over Frank Cervas, 127¾. Iral Alvarado, 120, TKO'd Frisco Rodriguez, 122, in the fourth.

Rey Torrenski, 112, won a unanimous duke over Rostum Aguilar, also 112, in the four-round opener.

GAB witnes—Virgilio delos Reyes.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

(02-27-82)

▲ **MALOIOS, BULACAN—**Orlando Gutierrez, 112, TKO'd Oscar Gonzales, also 112, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Victor Valdez, referee.

Amado Castro, 130, won a unanimous duke over Boy Recodo, also 130, eight.

Ernie de Asis, 130, TKO'd Romeo Amaro, also 130, in the third round of the scheduled four-round opener.

GAB witness—Nicanor Celebrado.

Promoter—Felizardo Mendoza.

(02-27-82)

▲ **PINGAD, MOUNYAIN PROVINCE—**Audy Murphy, 18, halted Danilo Berdida, also 118, in the second frame of a scheduled eight. Danny Rodenas, referee.

Six-rounders: Robert Ryan, 139, outpointed Fred Padilla, 136. Dado Danglose, 125, won a unanimous decision over Rio Villafuiertes, 124.

Fours: Tue Salvador, 138, TKO'd Jun David Junior, 136, in the opening session. Ramon Dantog, 124, halted Ely Tabuktol, also 124, in the third frame. Pindo Bugtong, 125, won a unanimous decision over Peter Guiling over Centes Frencello, 136, in the opener.

GAB witness—Danny Rodenas.

Promoter—Pawuito Camacho.

(02-27-82)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY—**Divino Inocian, 124½, won the Filipino featherweight crown with a unanimous decision over defending champion Lulu Villaverde, 125½, 12. Inocian's triumph also gained him the GAB's "Boxer of the Month" recognition.

Nene Jun, 136, the national junior lightweight king, won a unanimous decision over Ric Dolotallas, also 136, 10.

Promoter—Agustin Garcia.

(02-27-82)

▲ **SAN JOSE, MINDORO—**Fred Pastor, 145, the GAB's top welterweight contender, halted Young dela Cruz, 144, midway in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Major Flores, referee.

Fel Viesca, Jr., 128, had his scheduled 10-rounder with Eddie Camero, 126, declared a tech draw in the eighth.

Morris Pastor, 120, was held to a split draw by Ernie Pinon, also 120, in the program's second 10.

Mar Capinpin, 119, eked but a split verdict over Eddie Miral, 121, in the 10-round opener.

(02-27-82)

▲ **SAN JOSE MINDORO—**Chito Adigue, 122, won a majority duke over Noli Mocabos, also 122, 10.

Edel Geronimo, 112, TKO'd Bernardo Ogayon, also 112, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Medel Embanicedo, 122, TKO'd Danny Noyan, also 122, in the first round. Renato Magramo, 108, halted Manny Ogayon, also 108, in the first frame of the opener.

GAB WITNESS—Onofre Perez.

Promoter—Felimon Vasquez.

(02-28-82)

▲ **ABAIAN, BENGUET—**Rudy Palicua, 112, TKO'd Billy Saniel, also 112, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

Johnny Macastino, 128, TKO'd Jun Maniba, also 128, in the third frame of the semi-final eight.

Mamerto Paleng, 112, stopped Dan Palileo, also 112, in the third round of the opening four.

GAB witness—Onofre B. Perez.

Promoter—Antero Velandria.

(03-07-82)

▲ **CANAYAN, MASBATE—**Neptali Alamag, 122, the GAB'S top rated bantam, won a unanimous decision over Mario Odias, 122½, 10. Victor Valdez, referee.

Al Llanita, 121, had his scheduled 10-rounder with Clem Gonzaga, 122, declared a tech draw in the fourth.

Fel Jardenil, 114, won a unanimous duke over Rene Dobru, 118, in the program's 10-round opener.

Promoters-Felixberto Jardenil and Vicente L. Valdez.

(03-10-82)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY—**Leo Kaki, 124, the GAB's third ranked bantamweight, and Danilo Inocian, also 124, tech draw, 10.

Promoter—Antonio Alirante.

(03-13-82)

▲ **QUEZON CITY—Amoranto Gymnasium—**Yuri Santos, 115, won a majority decision over Val de Vera, also 115, 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Fel Aporto, 115, and Wick Tengam 113½, had their scheduled 10-round bout declared a tech draw in round three.

Rey Arcita, 122, won a unanimous decion over Bert Lozano, 123, 10.

Nardo Calugay, 113, won a unanimous duke over Rocky Pineda, 112½, in the 10-round opener.

GAB witness—Bernardo Trinidad.

Promoter—Antonio Flores.

(03-19-82)

▲ **PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex—**Eric Vildezola, 120, won a unanimous decision over Boy Chua, also 120, the GAB's seventh ranked junior feather, in a 10-round upset. Eric was given the GAB'S Honorable Mention in the following month's domestic ratings.

Joe Hiyas, 119, won a unanimous decision over Ed Alcala, also 119, 10. Victor Valdez, referee.

Raffy Tadta, 120½, outpointed Henry Lu, 121½, six.

Four-rounders: Ernie de Asis, 138, won a unanimous decision over Wilfredo Bautista, also 138. Jun Tito, 112, outpointed Ruztom Aguilar, 107½. Bung Onchengco, 112, won a majority decision over Robert Palerit, 108. Steve Ponan, 109¾, won a unanimous verdict over Gadil Fabrellore, 110, in the opener.

GAB witness—Virgilio S. delos Reyes.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.

(03-20-82)

▲ **CEBU—**Filipino lightweight champion Flash Villamer, 136¼, scored an impresisve ninth round TKO over Korean newcomer Chong-Kil Chung, 133, the KBC's seventh ranked junior lightweight, in a scheduled 10-round non-title affair.

Jun Simbajon, 114, copped a unanimous duke over Fel Malatag, 118, in the 10-round semi-windup.

Promoter—Jessie Abrea.

(03-21-82)

▲ **METRO MANILA—Araneta Coliseum—**Promising flyweight Andy Balaba, 114, TKO'D former WBC light flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, also 114. Thailand, in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-round bout. Larry Nadayag, referee. Andy was named GAB Boxer of the Month for his great victory.

Phayao Pooltarat, 118, Thailand, TKO'd Jimmy Boy, 117, the GAB's top rated junior bantam in the fourth round of their scheduled 12.

Former national champ Arnel Arrozal, 120¼, TKO'd Tale Maguan , 118, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Six-rounders: Edison Saladas, 132, won a unanimous decision over John Duclas, also 132. Romy Freo, 125, won a majority nod over Rolando Angel, also 125.

Pablito Lazola, 120, won a split decision over Rizal Ty, 118½, in the four-round opener.

GAB witness—Virgilio de los Reyes.

Promoter—June Sarreal (Lope Sarreal, Jr.)

(03-21-82)

▲ **CAMP O'DONNEL, TARLAC—**Efren Bantilan, 113, eked out a majority nod over Al Sicat, 114, 10.

No preliminary bouts.

Promoter—Efren Nazal.

(03-2-82)

▲ **TAYTAY, RIZAL—**Rene Busayong, 115, won a unanimous verdict over Pablo Pepito, 112½, the GAB'S ninth ranked junior bantam, 10. Major Flores, referee.

Edgar Strapon, 118, won a split decision over Jovito Felio, also 118, six.

Four-roundes: Tony Kid, 120, won a unanimous decision over Nick Bautista, 119. Robert San Juan, 118, won a unanimous verdict over Flash Ardanon, 119, in the opener.

GAB witness—Carlos Roman.

Promoter—Benjamin Vinluan

(03-22-82)

▲ **PARANQUE—Eduardo's Supper Club—**Filipino bantamweight champion Bobby Berna, 122, won a unanimous decision over Sang-Yul Ahn, also 122, Korea, 10. Larry Nadayag, referee. Berna, a southpaw, is ranked by the WBA, while Ahn is the KBC's third rated junior feather.

William Develos, 19, eked out a split verdict over Poker Peregrino, 117, 10.

Al Llanita, 124, copped a unanimous decision over Manny Sacay, also 124, 10.

Tim Ontic, 119, TKO'd Jun Padinit, 120, in the sixth frame of the program's first 10-rounder.

Terry Felicilda, 110, won a unanimous decision over Nick Dalibay, 109½, eight.

Rolly Atillo, 110½, won a majority decision over Flash Rockman, also 110½, six.

Al Tiempo, 107, halted Romy Abulencia, 108½, in the second canto of the scheduled four-round opener.

GAB witness-Virgilio de los Reyes.

Promoter—Jesus Abrea.

(03-24-82)

▲ **TAYUMAN, MANILA—**Allan Maitoki, 109, won a unanimous decision over Mar Timbal, 110, 10. Victor Valdez, referee.

Lorenzo Nabuab, 132, TKO'd Flash Jordan, 128, in the eighth round of the scheduled 10-round semi-final.

Cesar Amazan, 119, won a unanimous duke over Danny Espiritsu, 121, eight.

Pol Apiag, 122, won a unanimous verdict over Benny Castro, 119, eight.

Rudy Grande, 16, won from Alex Sy, 15, six.

Nelson Timbal, 111, TKO'd Joel Escollado, also 111, in the four-round opener.

GAB witness—Nicanor C. Celebrado.

Promoter—Andoy Suansing.

(03-26-82)

▲ **PASAY CITY—Pasay Sports Complex—**Filipino flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 114½, stopped Korean champ Chong-Chul Park, 115, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Victor Valdez, refree.

Neptali Alamag, 124, won a unanimous decision over Chito Adigue, also 124, 10. Alamag is the GAB's top rated bantam.

Juanito Ablaca, 109½, the GAB's top ranked junior flyweight, won a unanimous verdict over Ramon Chan, 112½, 10.

Ruben Rabago, 140, won a unanimous decision over Flash Romeo, 141, 10.

Fred Sta. Iglesia, 118¼, pummeled Fighting Pepe, 117½, into submission in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

Fel Jardenil, 119½, TKO'd Emilio Palacio, 117, in the eigth frame of their 10.

Rito Donayre, 112½, knocked out Ely Bautista, 113¼, in the third frame of the program's first 10-rounder.

Ernie Robisco, 11½, won a unanimous decision over Lito Zarda, 113, six.

Rod Mollen, 118, won a unanimous duke over Bernardo Padilla, 118¾, in the four-round opener.

GAB witness—Virgilio de los Reyes.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

(03-27-82)

▲ **DAVAO CITY—**Former Filipino bantamweight champion Ronaldo Sumalis, 126½, won a unanimous decision over tough Erning Grafe, 130, 10.

Diego de Villa, 118, TKO'd Ali Granada, 120, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Manuel Villan.

(03-27-82)

▲ **URDA NETA—Cockpit Arena—**The scheduled 10-round main event between Lito Pablo, 129, and Virgilio Berdeflor, 132, was called a tech draw midway in the second. Nestor Olivetti, referee.

Rolando Navarro, 115, won a unanimous duke over Brigildo Canada, 111, 10.

Six-rounders: Jun Bobbier, 112, won a unanimous nod over Armando Barzuela, 112½. Edeard Bucton, 111, won a unanimous verdict over Jun Tito, 113¼.

Fours: Ramon Arlantiko, 132, fought to a split draw with Wilfred Bautista, 132½. Domy Ursuja, 111½, won a unanimous decision over Robert Palarit, 108, in the opener.

GAB witnesses—C. Dizon and V. Reverente.

Promoter—Mario Clara.

(03-27-82)

▲ **MEYCUAYAN, BULACAN—**Amy Pacana, 131, TKO'd Eddie Cejas, also 131, in the third frame of a scheduled 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Little Young, x10, won a u animous verdict over Jun Santiago, 110½, 10.

Amao Cabato, i, battled to a majority draw with Ernie Cataluna, also 120, eight.

Tofilo Gonzales, 119½, TKO'd Aquilino Bello, 119, in round three of a scheded six

Four-rounders: Snooky Pacana, 118, haltd Peter Guilling, 119, in the fourth and final session. Rocky Romy, 137, won a unanimous duke over Centes Francillo, also 137, in the opener.

GAB witness—Nicanor C. Celebrado.

Promoter—Romulo Santiago.

(03-27-82)

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THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Chalao Muangsurin, 110, demolished Saksamuth S. Tha-it, 109, in 2:18 of round one in a scheduled six.

(02-01-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Vichit Sithkimweng, 138, halted Kaenlek Petcharoon, 137, in 2:35 of the first round in a scheduled six.

(02-04-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Chalao Muangsurin, 110, won a unanimous decision over Dumrong Lookchaophaya, 108, six.

(02-15-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Having been stopped by former WBA flyweight champion Bernabe Villacampo in his first pro bout two years ago, ex-amateur titlist Suvan Silpaya, 118, returned to ring warfare after a long lay-off and took a unanimous decision over Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm, also 118, six.

(02-17-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Former naval amateur champion Yodphichit Singsurachai, 112, won an upset verdict over Saksamuth Singsam-ang, also 112, six.

(02-20-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring—**Thai junior flyweight champ Srithancha Sithanae, 112, returned from a six-month lay-off and eked out a split duke over Suriya Pratumvadee, also 112, six.

(02-21-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Downthrong Chuvatana, 138, halted unknown Thongchai Singsongpol, 137, in the second session of a scheduled six. Singsongpol was making his pro debut, however, and Chuvatana, who has been the TBC's top ranked lightweight contender for a long time now, had better face some real competition.

(02-22-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Former amateur Royal Air Force champion Yusop Jr. Lookargasyothin, 126, won an upset unanimous verdict over Santhi Donjadee, also 126, the TBC's second ranked featherweight, six.

(02-24-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Jownaeranoi Jimkatha, 110, the TBC's top junior flyweight, won an upset unanimous decision over hard hitting Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtrang, 109, six.

(02-26-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Somdej Poonchai, 118, halted Chartruang Petchsingha, also 118, in the first round of their scheduled six-rounder.

(03-01-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Thai junior featherweight king Dejvarin Hollywood, 122, climbed off the canvas in the second round to take out Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan, also 122, at 2:25 of round four in their scheduled 10-round championship bout. This was Hollywood's second title defense.

(03-03-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Luk-odd Phitiporn, 108, halted Naulom Lookingkwan, also 108, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(03-04-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Former amateur champ Sungkad Saksuree, 126, the TBC's seventh ranked featherweight, polished off late sub Singsak Sakdithavil, also 126, in the second canto of a scheduled six.

(03-09-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Thai bantamweight champion Kaosai (Galassy) Vangchamphoo, 119, halted lanky Katsuyuki Ohashi, 120, Japan, at 2:33 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Wicked body punches did the trick.

(03-10-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Phameechai Sithpornpan, 109, TKO'd Do-Kon Sakdijarurat, 110, in the fourth round of their scheduled six. Sakdijarurat took a lot of punishment before walking out of the ring at 1:25 of the fatal session.

(03-11-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Vichit Muangroi-et, the WBA's third ranked junior feather, won a unanimous decision over Pongpan Sorphayathai, the WBC's number eight 122-pounder, after 10 hard fought rounds.

Sharp left jabs and straight rights raised huge swellings around Pongpan's eyes, but Sorphayathai dropped Muangroi-et with a smashing right hand in the fifth. Boonsong Kertman, referee.

Seven Muay-Thai (Thai kick-boxing) bouts completed the card.

WBC witness—Raul Cruz.

Attendance—8,000. Gross—$150,000.

Promoters—Klaew Thanikul, Songchai Ratanasuban, Som Bhop Srisomvongse (Pongpan's sponsor).

(03-12-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring—**Thai flyweight champ Dan Pisalchai, 118, TKO'd Suriya Pratumvadee, 116, in the third round of a scheduled six-round non-title affair. Suriya's corner threw the towel in after Dan floored their man for two nine-counts in the fatal session.

(03-14-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Petchngam (Chuvatana) P. Angthong, 113, outscored Khanchai Sathiragym, 114, six.

(03-16-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Ngoohouleg Lukakadyotin, 126, climbed off the floor in round three, floored Pornnari Kiatmana, 125, twice in the fourth, and won via decision, six. This was Thailand's Fight of the Month.

(03-17-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Former Thai bantamweight champion Sakda Saksuree, 130, halted Salee Sornpajon, 133, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(03-18-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Kwanjai Singhshachaval (previously known as Kwanjai S. Pengpis), 110, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Choompai Srisompop, 112, six.

(03-20-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sungud Saksuree, 126, disposed of unknown Wanthongchai Kiatraumlap, 125, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(03-21-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Puzzling southpaw Sakdisamuth Singsam-ang, 110, outpointed promising ex-amateur champ Dumrong Lookchaopraya, also 110, six.

(03-24-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Yodphichit Singsurachai, 112, knocked out debuting Sirisak S. Poonphol, 114, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(03-26-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Chalao Muangsurin, 112, the TBC's fourth ranked flyweight, easily kayoed debuting Prabsuk Lookbangkoknoi, 114, in the first round of their sixer. Prabsuk was a *real* debutant. He had no experience as an amateur—nor as a kick boxer. What a mismatch!

(03-29-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Downthong Chuvatana, 138, finished unknown Phichit S. Poonphol, 137, in the second session of a scheduled six.

(03-30-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Former amateur titlist Suvan Silpaya, 114, the TBC's sixth rated junior bantam, polished off Niphonyuth Sakadam, 113, in the third frame of a scheduled six.

(03-31-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sakdisamai Chorsirirat, 120, halted less experienced Saipetch Sakcharoen, a southpaw form South Thailand, in the third round of their sixer.

(04-05-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Veteran Daowroj Rojanaseree, 112, won a upset verdict over Thongberm Lukmaturee, 113, the TBC's sixth rated flyweight, six.

(04-06-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Laemthong Sorphayathai, 118, demolished Kwanjai Sakthavil, 117, in the fourth round of their scheduled six.

(04-10-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Petchngam (Chuvatana) P. Angthong, 113, won a shutout unanimous verdict over rookie Karavek Pathanasing, 114, six.

(04-12-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Thai bantamweight champion Kaosai Galassy, 116, dropped Korea's Yu-Ok Joo, 116, once in the third session and two more times in the fourth (the last time for the count) round in their scheduled 10-round bout. Kaosai, a southpaw, then announced he was relinquishing the national bantam crown to campaign as a 115-pounder. He's now rated number one contender among junior bantams by the TBC.

Promoter—Nivatt Laosuvanvatt.

(04-14-82)

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NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **CANLEY VALE—Cabravale Diggers Club—**Con O'Connor, 157½, retained his NSW State middleweight title with a

solid points win over aggressive Greg Crowe, 160, 10.

Six-rounders: Nick Conditis, 132¼, outpointed Lou Williams, 130. Joe Burruni, 169¾, halted Lindsay Goode, 165½, in three. Reg King, 131, outscored Jay Crowe, 125¾.
(03-12-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—** Rodney Roberts, 152, stopped Kevin Hogan, 151, in round four of a scheduled eight. Hogan went down twice before the towel was thrown in.

Rappy Score, 139, and Rodney Brown, 140, drew, six.

Brett Beakin, 154, outpointed David Hogan, 154, five.

Wayne Russell, 147, halted Albert Singh, 144, in round three of a scheduled four.
(03-16-82)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club—**Kelly Thompson, 150, won the vacant NSW State junior middleweight title, with a clear points win over previously undefeated Ian Dennis, 153, 10.

Daniel Saylor, 185, halted Graham Bray, 184, in round five of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Lou Williams, 129, outpointed Bernie Ellis, 136. Alf Bradley, 198, outscored John Wotherspoon, 181. Edin Tugrul, 129, outpointed Ron Brown, 136.
(03-17-82)

▲ **BELMONT—Sixteen-Foot Sailing Club—**Wayne O'Donnell, 130, won a technical decision over Reg King, also 130, at the end of round five in a scheduled eight.

Whizzer Lawrence, 141, outscored Dawsie Kelly, 147¾, eight.

Al Hallett, 147¾, stopped Sam Parsons, 156½, in round five of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Willie White, 114½, kayoed Tom Locock, 121¼, in 0:39 of the first round. Mark Apollo Smith, 141¾, outscored Afa Amasaga, 137¼.
(03-17-82)

▲ **BROKEN HILL—**Boxing returned to this silver city way out west in New South Wales, with South Australian Laurie Mack, 166, headlining in a 10-round bout against Victoria's Kevin Timmins, 164.

Wild action! Timmins went through the ropes at one point. Mack followed him, put a bucket over his head, and hit him.

Mack butted Timmins on the nose in round six, and Timmins could not come out for the seventh. He later went to the hospital to have his proboscis fixed, and the ref crowned Mack the kayo winner.

Three-rounders: Rod James, 156, outscored David Westgate, 157. Ray Anderson, 168, stopped Dennis Orcher, 170, in two. Steve Bates, 144, halted Joe Fletcher, 138, in two. Tom Herring, 177, stopped Kid Lawson, 216, in two.
(03-22-82)

▲ **BOSSELY PARK—Marconi Club—**Saula Monovesi, 152¾, knocked out Mick Thompson, 154, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Jamie Lewis, 152, outpointed Rodney Roberts, 151, eight.

Four-rounders: Glen Hillier, 139, outscored Bernie Ellis, 139. Frank Miller, 121¾, outpointed Peter Lewis, 125¾. Adam Gray, 152, outscored Ray Grech, 154¼. Kevin May, 165½, outpointed Victor Hellwell, 163¼.
(03-26-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—**Jeff Sait, 151, kayoed Rodney Roberts, 152, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight. The referee counted Roberts out on his feet.

Tony Noone, 153, and Joey Collins, 150, drew, six.

Sparrow Freeman, 128, and Rodney Brown, 142, drew, five.

Henry Stark, 168, halted Roger Hendy, 163, in round one of a scheduled four.
(03-30-82)

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club—**Local Peter Batty, 145, was held to a draw by Kevin Hogan 149, in a good eight-round scrap that drew a large shower of coins and notes from ringside fans.

Clint Brown, 162, kayoed Warren Jenner, 159, in the third round of their scheduled eight.

Rodney Brown, 138, outscored Sparrow Freeman, 128, six.

Tommy Woods, 142, outpointed Joey Collins, 147, five.

Bodie Malone, 137, outscored David Garland, 136, four.
(03-31-82)

▲ **SYDNEY—Sydney Opera House—**This was a new venue for the fistic game, but it is unlikely boxing will be seen here again because of brawls which took place among spectators and a brawl that occurred in the ring.

Promoter Tom Raudonikis, Australian international footballer, came up with the idea of the Opera House as a venue, and he planned a big program featuring a Commonwealth title tilt, an Australian title fight, an international bout between an Australian champion and an Englishman, and another international contest between Jeff Malcolm, whom he manages, and a world rated opponent.

The bill opened with an eight-rounder in which Australian middleweight champion Steve Dennis, 155½, won a unanimous decision over Tony Britton, 150¼, England. Scores were 78-76 (twice) and 79-75.

Then followed the 12-round Australian junior middle title tilt between champion Alex Temelkov, 153¾, and unbeaten Ken Salisbury, 152¼. Temelkov, a Macedonian born Australian, has a huge following, and they bought large blocks of seats. Salisbury, a transplanted Englishman from Liverpool, also has a big following, and the two factions sat on opposite sides of the ring. It was on the Salisbury side that the brawls took place, though who started them, or what started them, remains a mystery.

Salisbury, the boxer, versus Temelkov, the fighter, stacked up as a good fight, but the first shock came in round one, when Salisbury decked Temelkov for the only knockdown of the fight. Near the end of that same session. Temelkov landed a right on Salisbury's jaw that knocked him sideways, one foot raised, to the ropes. Alex followed, but Ken got away.

From then on, it was all Salisbury, who cleverly prevented Temelkov from landing that same punch again, and systematically piled up the points while Alex vainly tried to land the big one.

By the end of the eighth canto, referee Charkey Ramon had Ken leading by 80-70, and Temelkov was floundering with frustration.

Near the end of round nine, the two opponents came together in a clinch. Salisbury bent over, and the desperate Temelkov hit him twice on the back of the neck.

Time of that action was 2:58, it was later announced.

Incensed by Temelkov's foul blows, one of Salisbury's seconds reached over and grabbed Temelkov by the hair. Temelkov's brother, Milo, flew across the ring like a rocket and aimed a karate kick at the second.

It was on for young and old. Then, for some strange reason, Milo Telemkov hit referee Charkey Ramon.

That was a mistake. Ramon was undefeated Australian and Commonwealth junior middleweight champion—uncrowned world champ in this reporter's view—until an injury which occured outside the ring forced his early retirement in 1974, just prior to his 24th birthday.

Ramon drove Milo Temelkov across the ring.

It was at least two minutes before order was restored. Ramon then called the boxers together and raised Salisbury's arm in victory on a foul, disqualifying Temelkov for his two rabbit-killers. He had been unable to render his decision at the time the illegal blows were landed because of the quick start of the brawl.

Salisbury and Alex Temelkov shook hands and embraced. Alex then spoke into the microphone and apologized to the crowd for his actions in delivering the foul blows and for the brawl that followed. Alex himself did not take part in the fracas, being held in his own corner by his trainer, Mick Driscoll.

After this fight, some 200 or more fans left the arena, not waiting for the other contests.

Former Australian and Commonwealth junior welterweight champion Jeff Malcolm, 139¾, won a unanimous decision over Thomas Americo, 139¼, Indonesia, 10. The scores were 100-87, 100-88, and 100-90. Referee Billy Males gave Americo a standing eight-count at one stage of the contest.

Then came the 15-round main event, with Australian multiple champion Paul Ferreri, 117¾, defending his Commonwealth bantamweight crown against British champ John Feeney, 117½. This was a contest of cut, thrust, and parry between two skilled craftsmen. Ferreri, a boxing artist, boxed on the backmove as Feeney was the aggressor. Then, as Feeney reached the end of an assault, Ferreri would take over, catching the Englishman off stride, recapturing the punch lead, and winning the round.

Ferreri varied his tactics as the bout progressed, doing more aggressive work until, by round 12, the British champion had been worn out.

At the end of that 12th canto, Feeney staggered to a neutral corner, and referee Trevor Christian, along with Feeney's trainer, Dennie Mancini, went to John and led him to his own. The doctor was called, but Feeney was allowed to come out for round 13.

The Devil's Round was only 45 seconds old when Mancini threw in the towel. Feeney was helpless, and Ferreri was declared the winner.

The scores at the end of the 12th round were as follows: 120-111, 120-114, and 119-112—all, of course, in favor of Ferrari.
(04-02-82)

▲ **DAPTO—Leagues Club—**Dennis Talbot, 127¾, retained his NSW State junior light title with a points win over Billy Mulholland, 127¾, 10.

Reg King, 125¾, won the NSW State featherweight crown with a technical decision over defending champion Roger Henry, 123½, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

Four-rounders: Killer Kearney, 142¼, outscored Bernie Ellis, 134½. Colin Carr, 147¾, stopped Roy Alexander, 154¼, in the second.

Dennis Byrnes, 143¼, and Adam Gray, 148¾, had their scheduled three-round bout declared a tech draw in the first.
(04-02-82)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club—**Sparrow Freeman, 128, outpointed Lou Williams, 129, eight.

Five-rounders: Tommy Woods, 137, and Rodney Brown, 132¼, drew. Joey Collins, 153, and Henry Starr, 170, drew.

Ritchie Bardo, 145, outscored Bob Tulip, 146, four.
(04-07-82)

▲ **FAIRY MEADOW—**NSW State flyweight champion Wayne Mulholland, 112, won the Australian title with a technical decision over defending champ Steve Bell, also 112, at the end of round 14.

Mulholland sustained a bad cut on his left eyelid near the end of that round through an accidental head clash. The cards were collected after the session, and all three had Wayne ahead. Referee Ray Mitchell (this reporter) carded 139-132, with the judges, John Cauchi and Les Gibbons, making it somewhat closer.

Mulholland and Bell had met in August, 1981, with Bell winning a technical decision at the end of 13.

At the end of this last fight, Bell said to Mulholland, "Don't worry, Wayne. You won it, but we can meet again."

Mulholland's manager, Peter Fuller, told Bell, "I hope Wayne can wear the belt with the same distinction and respect that you did."

Four-rounders: Disco George, 125, outscored Edin Tugrul, 132. Glen Norman, 147¼, outpointed Greg Casey, 142.

Killer Kearney, 142, outscored Nooky Curryer, 156, three.
(04-08-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—**Sparrow Freeman, 131, outpointed Rodney Brown, 137, eight.

Eric King, 165, and Joey Collins, 154, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Wayne Horsey, 137, stopped David Garland, 138, in the fourth round. Tommy Woods, 137, halted Justin Skinner, 135, in two.
(04-13-82)

▲ **BATHURST—R.S.L. Club—**Ian Dennis, 154, won a unanimous decision over Lou Cruz, 159, 10.

Graham Bray, 183, TKO'd Alf Bradley, 216, in round three of a scheduled six.

Peter Swain, 130, kayoed Lou Valesini, 126, in the first round of a scheduled four.
(04-16-82)

▲ **MURWILLUMBAH—R.S.L. Club—**Comebacking Dave Edwards, 155, outscored Rodney Roberts, 150, in a close eight-rounder. Edwards had not fought for 18 months.

Kirk Blair, 132, outpointed Steve Button, also 132, eight. Former Australian and Empire welter champion George Barnes refereed.
(04-16-82)

▲ **YENDA—Memorial Hall—**Billy Smith, 163, outscored Willie Drinkwater, also 163, 10.

Johnny Williams, 143, outpointed Elley Dennis, 137, six.

Three-rounders: Fred Leonardi, 131, outscored Daryl Sanderson, 130. Mark Emerson, 194, and Ian McDuff, 165, drew. Brad Davidson, 165, halted Lawrence Hargraves, 157, in round three. Reg Greedy, 179, outscored Shane Martin, also 179.
(04-17-82)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club—**Jim Bowen, 121¾, won the vacant Australian junior featherweight crown by stopping Frank Carlson, 121½, who retired in his corner with an injured shoulder and did not answer the bell for the ninth session.

Carlson had a good lead on points up to the end, and, with Bowen suffering from a cut eye, a Carlson victory seemed almost assured.

Frank's supporters, though, were very worried when Carlson was decked near the end of round eight and spent several seconds answering questions by referee Paul Moore. He had also been down in round seven, both of the deckings the result of body blows. Bowen had been down early in round six, but fought back strongly.

Jim's father, Cliff, was the most excited person in the club when Jim was crowned the winner. Cliff was Australian middleweight champion in 1944.

Pat Leglise, 145¼, halted Vince Iacovelli, 153¼, in round three of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Tony Noone, 149¼, and Manny Trickilis, 153¼, drew. Killer Kearney, 142, outscored Tracey Fellows, 138½.

Peter Mills, 151¼, stopped Bob James, 140¼, in the third and final round.
(04-21-82)

▲ **WALLA WALLA—**Johnny Duff, 127¾, outscored Colin Ford, 125¾, eight.

Four-rounders: Gil McGrath, 161, stopped Mark Simpson, 156½, in round three. Rocky Ward, 143¼, outscored Alan Clarke, 139. Brian Nolan, 147¼, outpointed Mick Barber, 143¼.

Threes: Stuart Bond, 130, and Len Connolly, 134½, drew. Shaun Hargraves, 147¾, stopped Dwayne Chamings, 150, in round three.
(04-23-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—**Mark Barnett, 151, outscored Speedo Duke, also 151, in the eight-round main event.

Six-rounders: Joey Collins, 149, and Manny Trickilis, 159, drew. Lou Williams, 133, outscored Bernie Ellis, also 133.
(04-27-82)

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club—**Gary Rosen, 144, won a split decision over previously unbeaten Peter Batty, 142, 10.

Six-rounders: Rodney Brown, 140, outpointed Tommy Woods, 141. Joey Collins, 153, stopped Eric King, 165, in the fourth.

Fours: Ritchie Bardo, 153, outscored David Hogan, 152. Bodie Malone, 139, and Wayne Horsey, 140, drew.
(04-28-82)

▲ **AUBURN—R.S.L. Club—**Billy Smith, 163¼, won a split decision over Joe Burruni, 167½, eight.

Mark McElwaine, 154, former amateur champ, made his pro debut by outpointing Tony Campbell, 147¾, eight.

Graham Bray, 176¼, halted John Wotherspoon, also 176¼, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Roy Alexander, 154, outpointed Colin Carr, 150, four.

Three-rounders: Eric Fenench, 123½, outpointed Brad O'Toole, also 123½. Dean Thomas, 132¼, outscored Bernie Ellis, 130.
(04-30-82)

▲ **BROKEN HILL—**Russell Walker, 148½, kayoed Mick Barber, 146½, in the first round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Three-rounders: Tom Herring, 172, stopped Ron Hooker, 177, in the third round. Ian Cremmins, 150, outpointed Cec Whyman, also 150. Jeff Mitchell, 144, halted Trevor Johnson, 150, in round three. Graham Young, 129, stopped Joe Fletcher, 130, in three.
(05-02-82)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club—**Joey Collins, 147¾, and Eric King, 165¼, drew, eight.

Sparrow Freeman, 127¾, and Rodney Brown, 137¾, drew, six.

Ross Eadie, 148¾, outscored Jim Carew, 147¼, five.

Tommy Woods, 141, outscored Bernie Johnson, also 141, four.
(05-05-82)

▲ **DAPTO—Leagues Club—**Maile Haumona, 218½, returned to action after a long lay-off to halt Prince Larry Tattoo, 235½, in round seven of a scheduled 10. Scoring after six: referee Paul Moore and judge John Wright, both 59-56; judge Ray Mitchell, 60-56—all in favor of Haumona. Tattoo was decked for an eight-count in the seventh, and the bout was halted shortly after.

Four-rounders: Pat Leglise, 143¼, outpointed Alan Clarke, 149¼. Tony James, 135½, outscored John Williams, 140. Lou Williams, 133½, and Ron Christian, 135½, drew.
(05-07-82)

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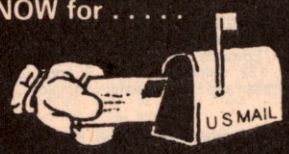

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▲ **SMITHFIELD—R.S.L. Club**—Jamie Lewis, 142¼, won the NSW State welter title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Mick Binnie, 147, 10. Scoring: referee Billy Males, 99-95; judge John Cauchi, 100-94; judge Don Marks, 100-91.

Six-rounders: Ron Donohue, 148¾, outscored Al Hallett, 146¾. Glen Hillier, 135½, and John Stacey, 132¼, drew.

Peter Lewis, 124½, stopped Jerry Sauha, 114¾, in round three of a scheduled four.
(05-07-82)

QUEENSLAND

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Undefeated Brian Janssen, 14½, one of the brightest prospects to hit the Australian scene in years, swept former Aussie lightweight champion Andy Broome, 139½, out of boxing with a one-punch kayo in 2:55 of the first round in a scheduled 10-round contest. Broome announced his retirement from boxing after the bout.

Dave Bellis, 144, easily outpointed Dawsie Kelly, 147, 10.

Rex Cannon, 139, and Robert Scott, 135, drew, eight.

Kevin Wagstaff, 176, stopped Vern Allen, 212, in the fifth roung of a scheduled six.
(04-30-82)

VICTORIA

▲ **GEELONG—Greyhound Race Track**—Rocky Pirrottina, 138, stopped Patrick Young, 128, in the 10th and fianl round.

Four-rounders: Robert Devlin halted Mick Stillinato in the third round. Billy Street stopped Rocky Todaro in three.
(03-12-82)

▲ **YACKANDANDAH**—Gil McGrath, 156, halted Lindsay Goode, 160, in the eighth and final round.

Gary Waite, 131, outscored Stuart Wilson, 133, four.

Three-rounders: Brian Nolan, 152, outscored Kenny Holt, 147. Steve Finlayson, 133, outpointed Max Whittaker, also 133.
(03-19-82)

▲ **GEELONG—Greyhound Race Track**—Graeme Brooke outpointed Eddie Ballarin, Philippines, 10 rounds, lightweights.

Charlie Arnoytovic, 124, and Colin Clancy, 126, drew, three.
(03-30-82)

▲ **MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Australian welterweight champion Frank Ropis, 142, outscored Luciano Navarra, 140¾, Italy, 10.

Nick Skoric, 176, outpointed Peter Hewitt, 172½, eight.

Billy Smith, 160, halted Robert Devlin, also 160, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Johnny O'Connor, 126½, outscored Fred Leonardi, 128½, three.
(04-04-82)

▲ **MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Australian and Commonwealth lightweight champion Barry Michael, 134½, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Mexican import Augustin Rivera, 133½, 10. The scores were 96-85, 100-91, and 99-91

Former Australian lightweight champion Billy Mulholland, 135, and Victorian lightweight king Brian Schofield, 133½, boxed to a split draw, 10.

Andy Mann, 140¾, stopped Len Mitchell, 146¾, in the eigth round of their scheduled 10.

Sam Grasso, 126, halted Colin Clancy, 127¾, in the fourth and final round.
(04-14-82)

▲ **PRESTON—Town Hall**—Promoters matched Graham Murray of Victoria against John Layton of New South Wales and billed the 12-round bout for the vacant "super middleweight championship of Australia," with a 168-pound weight limit. The title is not recognized by the Australian Boxing Federation, but Murray 167, outscored Layton, 164, who is not, incidentally, the second best 168-pounder in the country.

Peter Hewitt, 174, outscored Niki Skoric, 176½, six.

Shane Rock, 130, and Paul Luttrell, 131, drew, four.

Three-rounders: John O'Connor, 126½, outpointed Sam Grasso, 129½. Johnny Francis, 145, outscored Paul Booth, 146.
(04-16-82)

▲ **BROADMEADOWS**—Saipa Monod, 117, Indonesia, decked Victorian State bantam champion Glenn Walsh, 115½, four times and halted him in round nine of their scheduled 10.

Billy Smith stopped Hanza Okanlar in the fifth round of a scheduled sixer.

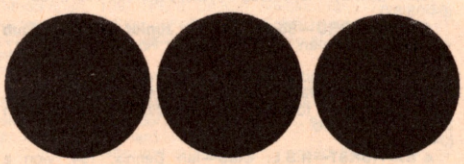
Peter Melero halted Atila Eira in round three of a scheduled four.

Colin Wallis and Solomon Tirika drew, three.
(04-21-82)

▲ **MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Great prospect Graeme Brooke, 134, halted another prospect, Wayne O'Donnel, 132¾, in the second frame of a scheduled 10. No knockdowns, but O'Donnel was absorbing a lot of punishment when referee Gus Mercurio stepped in. O'Donnel then spat out his mouthpiece in disgust and left the ring while his trainer vehemently protested the stoppage. This reporter did not see the contest, but Mercurio knows what he is doing. Gus won't see a boy get hurt.

Grotti Peyote, 127¾, outscored Sam Grasso, also 127¾, eight.

Three-rounders: Colin Wallis, 159¾, outscored Bruce Henry. 161. Joe Charles, 123¼, outpointed Colin clancy, 127¾.
(04-29-92)



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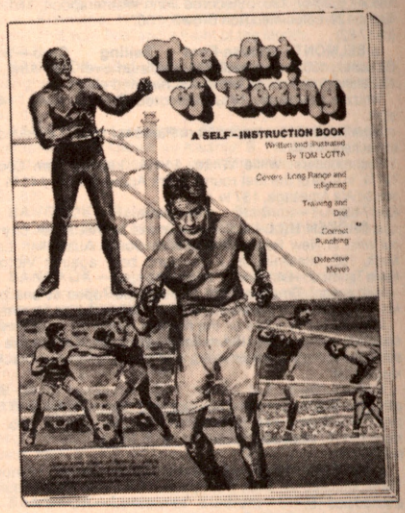

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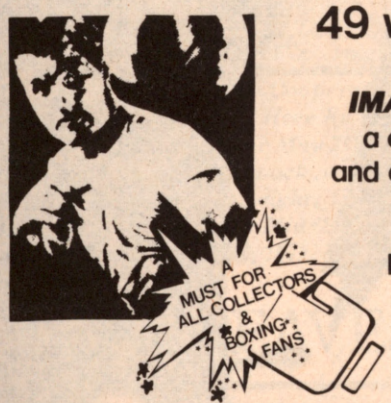

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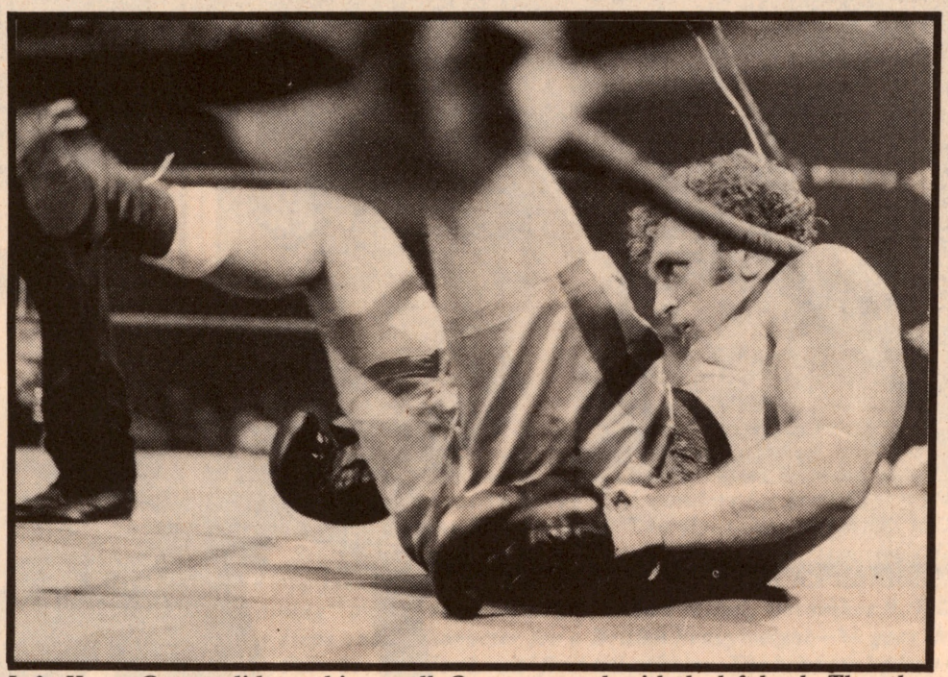
HAVING INVENTED the bloody sport, you'd think the Brits would do better in boxing—especially heavyweight boxing, the only division back when men were men and knuckles were bare—than they do. Sad to say, such is not the case. In fact, most of us were only genetic possibilities when they last had more than mere token representation amongst the top echelons of the heavies. Having won the battles of the Falklands, Britain is now trying to once again get back into the "Battle of the Heavyweights." "No mean task. The "Battle of the Heavies"started with the ubiquitous Mickey Duff who has performed for British boxing what General Ross did in the war of 1812: alter the balance between Britain and America in the Brits' favor. The fact that he accomplished this singular feat by importing assorted milkmen, bus drivers, and supermarket shelf loaders as cannon-fodder for Joe Bugner, John L. Gardner, and currently Frank Bruno is of no consequence to the purely statistically-minded. Unfortunately, though, statistics don't count for all, and those particular statistics have no bearing on the balance of power in world heavyweight boxing.

HARRY MULLAN



Left: Henry Cooper did two things well. One was punch with the left hook. The other was bleed. Here he is doing the latter—all over heavyweight king Muhammad Ali during their May 21, 1966, title bout in London. Ali retained his title on a sixth-round technical knockout. Above: Joe Bugner assumes the position that has endeared British heavyweights to American contenders for generations. In this case, it was America's Larry Middleton who sent Bugner down in the 10th and final round of their November 24, 1971, bout in Nottingham, England. Middleton won the decision.

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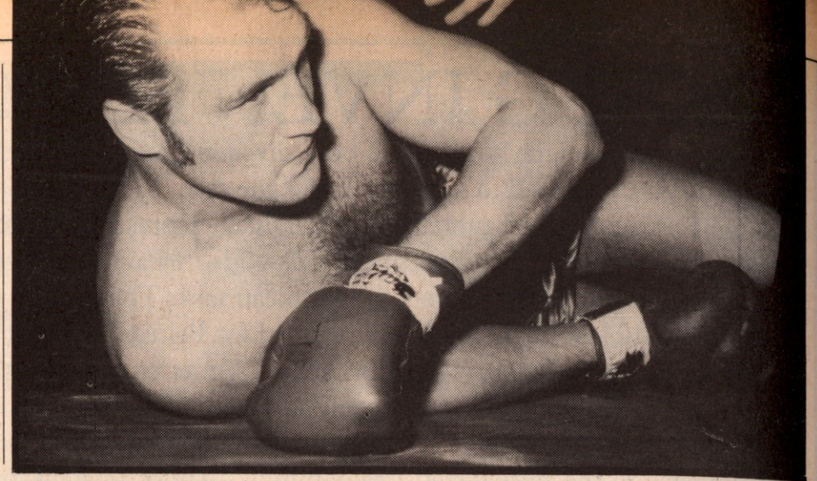
BRITAIN'S HORIZONTAL HEAVYWEIGHTS

A TRUER PICTURE OF THE POSITION WAS given by an aging, balding American of modest accomplishment, Leroy Boone, who came to London's Albert Hall in December to trounce another aged, almost bald heavy of even more modest accomplishment, Neville Meade.

Meade was making his first appearance as British heavyweight champion, and his abysmal performance then, and in a subsequent win over a six-fight American novice, Ricky Kellar, speaks volumes on the quality of the 43—count 'em—other "contenders" in the lastest British ranking.

Our three best prospects are Frank Bruno, Rudi Pika, and Funso Banjo. Pika is half-Estonian, Bruno's West Indian (although born in London) and Banjo, even more exotically, is the son of a Nigerian tribal chief.



The chances of Britain producing a 100 percent home-bred world champion are remote. Recent holders of the domestic title have included Hungarian Joe Bugner, Irishman Gordon Ferris, and Jamaicans Bunny Johnson and Neville Meade.

The only genuine Brit to reign since the revered Henry Cooper quit 11 years ago was the big southpaw from Bradford, Richard Dunn. Dunn earned his shortlived shot at Muhammad Ali in 1976 by beating a series of remarkably obscure yanks. Would all of you who remember Ron Oliver, Larry Renaud, Rufus Brassell, John Griffin, Larry Beilfuss, or Terry Krueger please hold up their hands? To be fair, Dunn also whipped some good journeymen like Ray Patterson, Roy Williams, and Obie English, and lasted into the eighth against Jimmy Young.

Richard, of course, was following the well-trodden path of Joe Bugner a few years previously. Bugner's build-up included wins over such legendary household names as Mose Harrell, Phil Smith, Charlie Polite, Eddie Talhami, Marc Hand, and Brian O'Melia—households obviously unknown even to the telephone company.

Until his first retirement after his flop against Ron Lyle in March 1977, Bugner's score against North American foes was 23 wins, a draw, and five losses. Add to that his recent three-round accordian-style collapse at the hands of the anything-but-up-and coming Earnie Shavers and you have the perfect pecture of the perennial British heavyweight.

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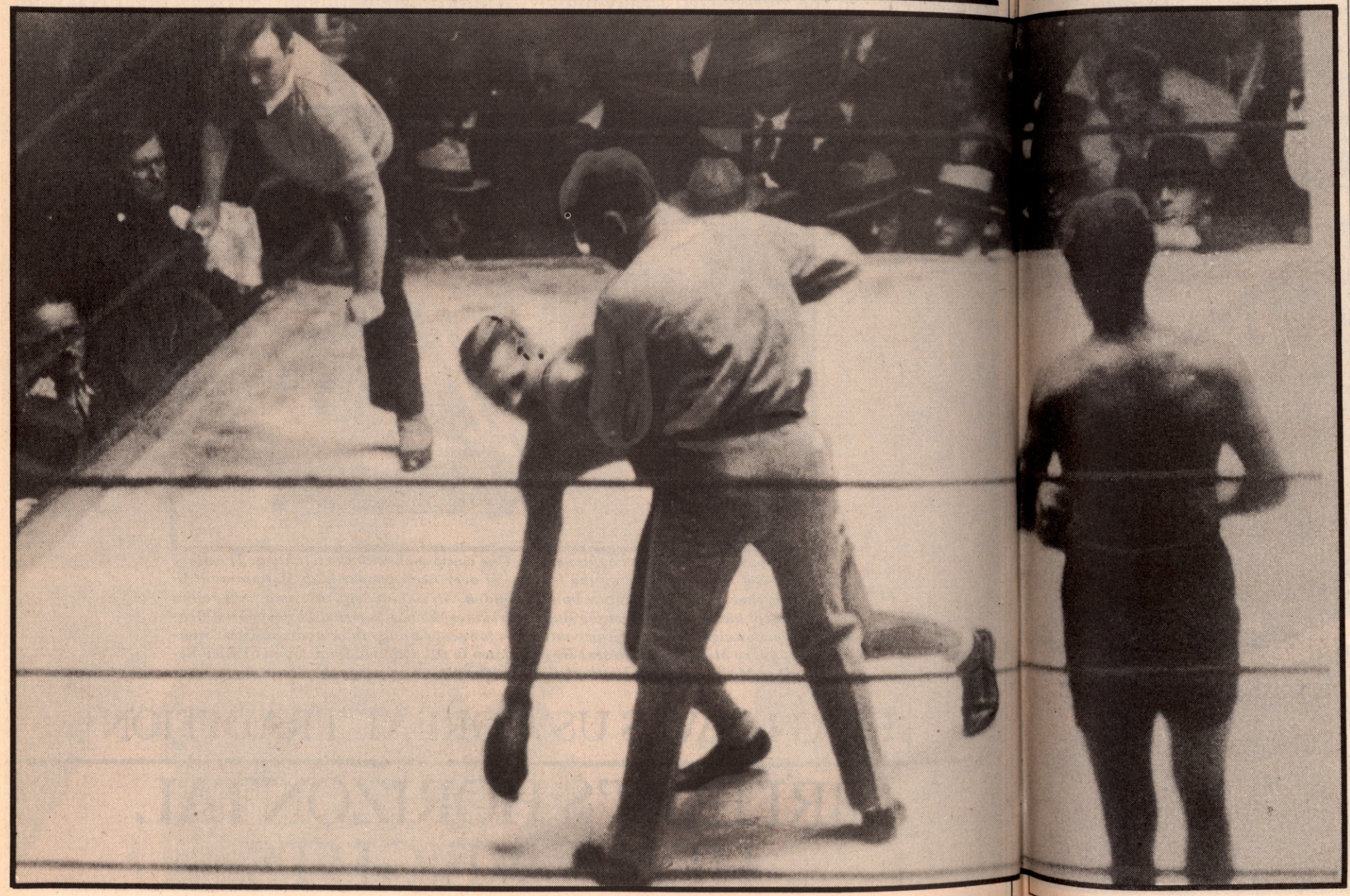

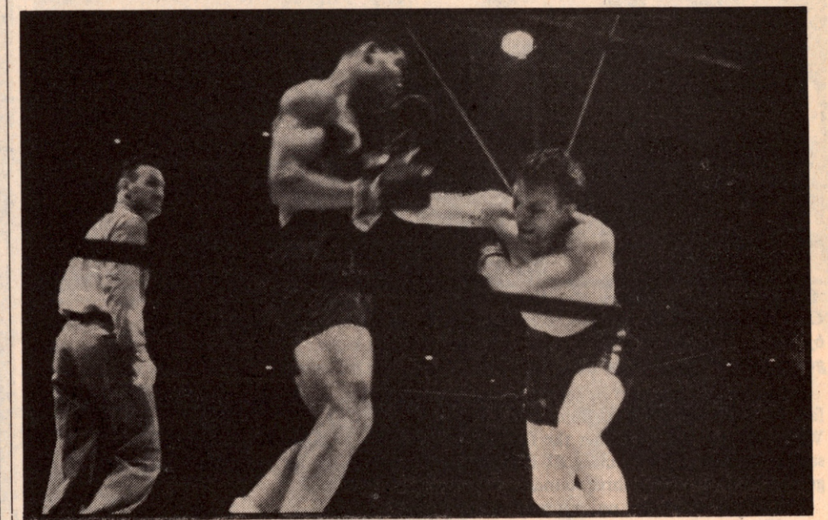

Top left: A trip to London always did wonders for Jerry Quarry's confidence. Here lies Jack Bodell in the first round of their fight, November 16, 1971. Left: "Phaintin' Phil" Scott lives up to his nickname as referee Jack Dempsey tries to hold him up. The opponent was Otto Von Porat. Scott turned his disadvantage to advantage, "winning" on a foul claim in the second round, December 9, 1929. Above: Tommy Farr steps out of character for a British heavyweight—he goes the distance. In this case, Farr became Joe Louis' first title victim. The bout took place on August 30, 1937 in New York's Yankee Stadium.

Of our three current hopefuls, only one—the Terry Lawless—Managed Frank Bruno—has faced American opposition, if that be the correct word to use in such a context. The former amateur champ made his pro debut against a Tex-Mex light heavy called Lupe Guerra, who must have worn divers' boots at the weigh-in to scale his officially-announced 182 lbs. Lupe's performance was more coyote than wolf, as he practiced three perfect swan dives to the canvas, one more practiced than the next, to be counted out in the first.

A second-round stoppage of Harvey Steichen, a Reno casino guard, gave Bruno his second win. But Harvey's two-knockdown defeat was merely a prologue for what followed. For what followed was Tom Stephenson, billed as a "fighter" from Indianapolis, but who might as easily have been practicing for the reenactment of Custer's last stand for all that it mattered.

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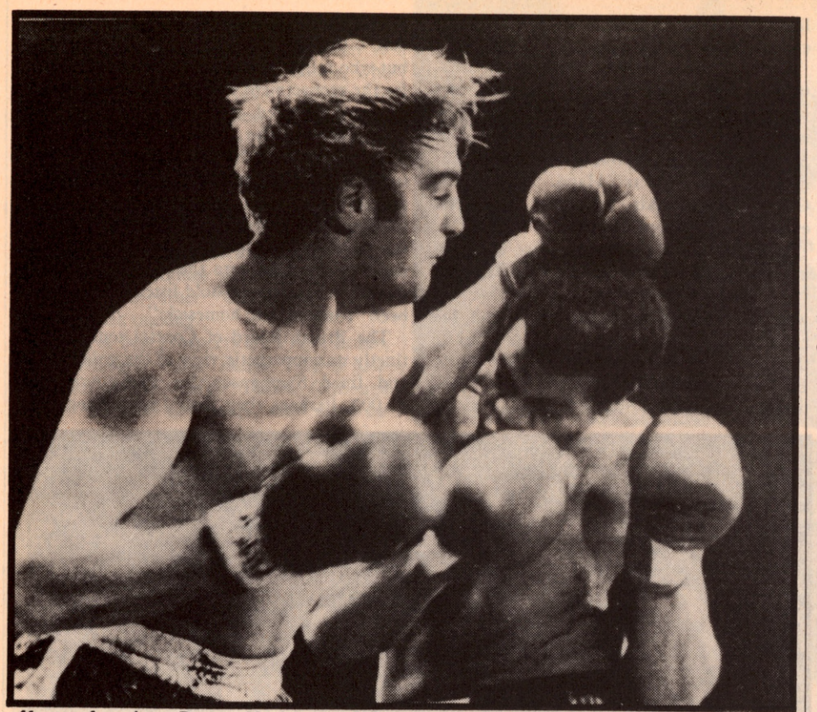
The overall score in the Britain vs. America matches involving current British heavies (including Bruno) is six wins to four with two draws in the home side's favor. Meade, Gordon Ferris, Billy Aird, and Neil Malpass made up the home wins, with Aird's record including a highly respectable draw with Jimmy Young. Young, of course, wasn't a world contender at the time. Like most Americans who visit the olde sod, he came as "the opponent", but went unbeaten in three appearances in London against Aird, Dunn, and Les Stevens.



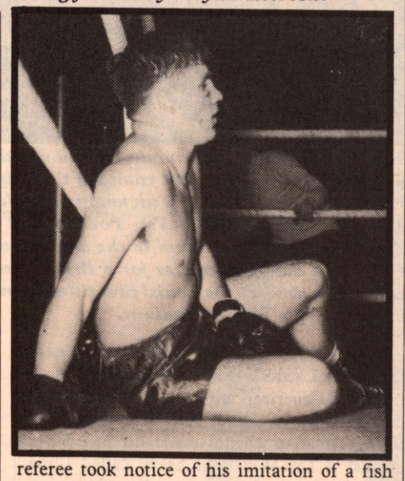
Above: A rarity—Danny McAlinden (left) stops America's Willie Moore. Below: Don Cockell assumes the British boxing stance in this 1950 bout. Right: Cockell is stopped by Rocky Marciano in their 1955 title bout. Above right: "Our 'Enry," British greengrocer Henry Cooper turns tomato red after being floored by Floyd Patterson.

British exports, it must be said, don't often fare as well in the States. Bombardier Billy Wells, seventy years ago, set the fashion by sailing to New York to meet Al Palzer and getting knocked cold in three rounds.

Phil Scott, whom the unimpressed American writers dubbed "Phaintin' Phil," was the next to try his luck in the Colonies. All Phil got for his efforts was his ticket punched in one by Knute Hansen, and he was so upset by the roasting the critics gave him that he was moved to take pen in hand and defend himself: "After all", he wrote in the British trade paper *Boxing*, "I did get up six times."

Scott was back in action three weeks later at New York's St. Nick's where he knocked out a well-regarded young American, Monte Munn, in ten rounds. He closed out 1927 with a controversial points loss to Johnny Risko. Scott scored a couple of decision wins in the States in 1928 over Pierre Charles and Roberto Robertie, and then in 1929 launched his campaign for Gene Tunney's vacated title.

A solid win over the giant Argentine Vittorio Campolo earned him a berth in the elimination contest against Otto von Porat, who, in the second round became one of the six men Scott defeated by the brilliantly simple tactics of clutching his groin, shouting "foul," and sitting on the canvas until the



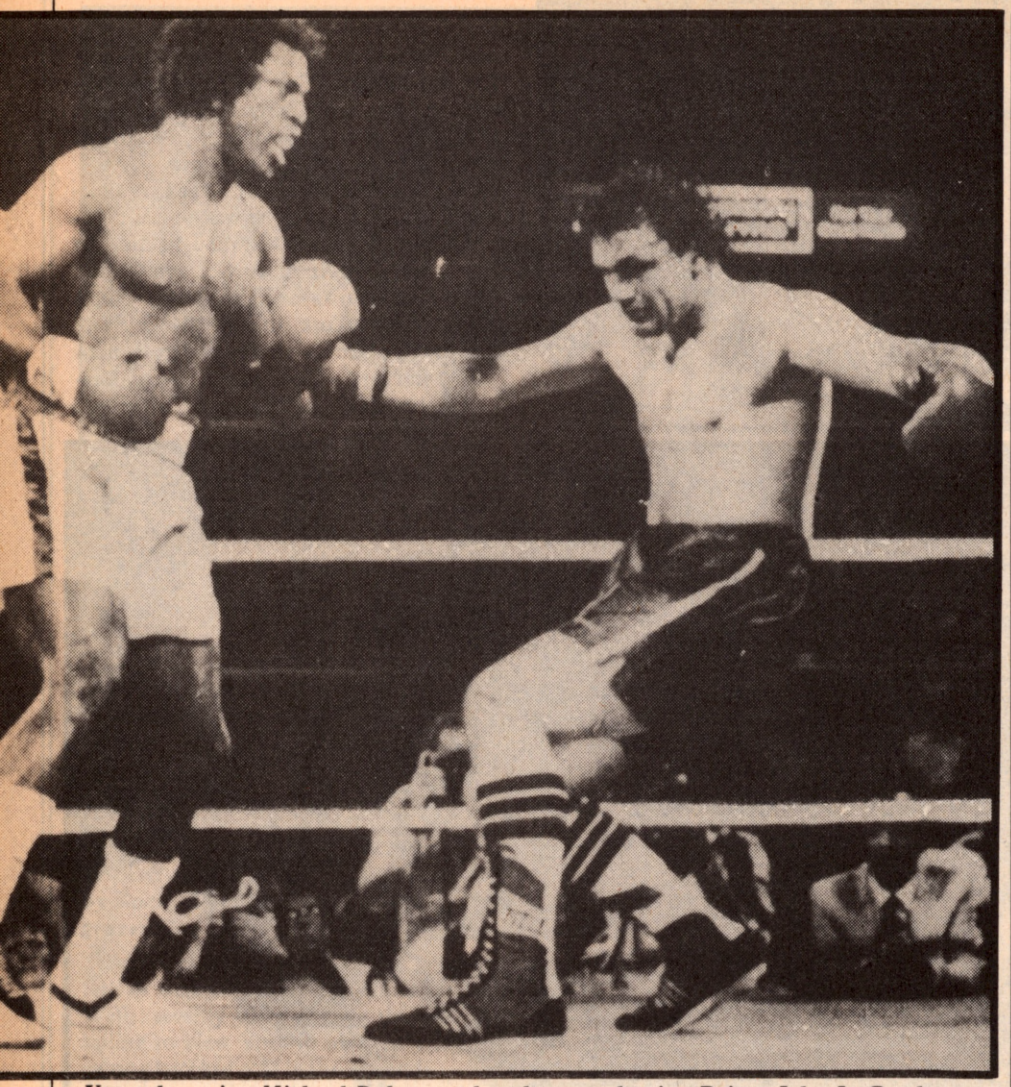
referee took notice of his imitation of a fish out of water.

Phil tried the same horizontal histrionics in the final eliminator against Jack Sharkey, who really did hit him low but got away with it, referee Lou Magnolia presumably reasoned that Scott had cried "wolf"—and foul—once too many times.

(Ironically, Scott might have made it a hattrick had Magnolia not turned a blind eye to Sharkey's misdemeanors. For that very same year, 1931, Sharkey hit Max Schmeling in the same spot when they met for the vacant title, and Max became the only man to be crowned heavyweight champ while sitting on the floor clutching his "privates.")

Gritty Tommy Farr not only astounded the boxing world by staying upright for 15 unforgettable rounds against Joe Louis in Louis's first title defense in 1937, but he added the one bright spot for Britain as the sun rapidly set on their boxing empire. But although Terrible Thammy from Tonypandy was probably Britain's best-ever heavyweight, he never won a fight in the States, losing successive decisions to Jim Braddock, Max Baer, Lou Nova, and Red Burman, in addition to Louis. Farr had licked Baer in London in 1937 and outscored Burman in a London rematch in 1939, but he's remembered more as the epitome of the "good loser" because of those five American defeats in a row.

Bruce Woodcock was the best of Farr's successors, but his trip abroad was no less disasterous than others who had thought America was a Queensberry Golconda. Tami Mauriello kayoed him in five rounds in New York in May 1946, writing "finis" to his unbeaten streak of 24 in a row—23 of which were foreshortened—and ending his hopes of a



Up-and-coming Michael Dokes catches down-and-going Briton John L. Gardner on June 12 of last year in Detroit. Dokes won by KO in three.

shot at the world title.

Bruce beat his share of Yanks, though, including a few good ones like Gus Lesnevich and Lee Savold. He also kayoed Lee Oma, but the American's performance was so dreadful that a London tabloid headlined its report of the fight *"Oma Coma Aroma"*.

A shocking defeat by Joe Baksi virtually finished Woodcock as a class heavyweight, although he went on to lose to Savold in what was recognized, curiously, in Britain as a fight for the "vacant" world heavyweight title, Joe Louis having just retired. At this time Jack Solomons was the king of British boxing and his massive open-air shows usually featured American imports. The local lads no longer needed to go to the States for recognition—the big money was at home, and the American heavies came here to earn it.

There was still the odd adventurous spirit who tried his luck in America. Johnny Williams stopped Jimmy Rouse in eight rounds in Newark in 1952, but was baffled by the unorthodox style of Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson on his return visit.

Don Cockell, who took Williams' British title from him 1953, is remembered in America only as the roly-poly little guy whom Rocky Marciano manhandled for nine rounds in the last heavyweight title bout between two caucasians. But Cockell traveled twice to Seattle to face Harry (Kid) Matthews, a ranked contender at the time, and licked him twice. For good measure, he also outpointed him in London.

Cockell knocked out respected Americans like Lloyd Marshall and Nick Barone, and outpointed Freddie Beshore and Roland LaStarza. That's decent form, by any standards, and would hardly qualify him for the British horizontal heavyweight hall of fame.

Big Nino Valdes ended Cockell's career with a three-round hammering, and then destroyed Don's successor as champion, Joe Erskine, in the first. Erskine was unbeaten in 30 fights, but the giant Cuban continued Britain's sorry heavyweight record.

Brian London, who took Erskine's championship, is regarded in the States as a latter-day Phil Scott in light of his pathetic challenges against Floyd Patterson in 1959 and Muhammad Ali seven years later. A pair of late-career losses in California to Jerry Quarry didn't help either. But that picture is rather less than accurate.

On his night—and he had a few—London wasn't a bad heavyweight at all, despite Ingemar Johannson proclaiming his "sister could beat him." (But then again, did you ever see *his* sister?) His American victims included Howard Turner, Willie Pastrano (on a cut stoppage), Pete Rademacher, Billy Hunter, Young Jack Johnson, Howard King, Von Clay, Tom McNeeley, Don Warner, Billy Neilson, Chip Johnson, Roger Rischer, Amos Johnson, James J. Woody, and Zora Foley. Balanced against the wins were losses to Pastrano, Nino Valdes, Eddie Machen, Thad Spencer, Roberto Davila, Jim Fletcher, and Jerry Quarry, putting the overall London vs. USA score at 15 wins, 10 losses and a draw.

London was much busier against American opposition than his succesor, Britain's all-time favorite fight character, Henry Cooper. "Our 'Enry" had only 17 fights vs. U.S. challengers, winning over Zora Foley, Roy Haris, Alex Miteff, Tony Hughes, Wayne Bethea, Dick Wipperman, Chip Johnson, Hubert Hilton, Jeff Davis, and Boston Jacobs. He lost twice to Ali, was crushed in two rounds in a rematch against Foley, was kayoed in four by Floyd Patterson and was outpointed by Roger Rischer and Amos Johnson.

Mention Jack Bodell to Jerry Quarry, and Quarry will probably recall his two knockdown, one-minute kayo of the Swadlincote southpaw as the easiest win of his career. Yet, oddly, Bodell has the best win percentage against Americans of any recent British champ: 16 out of 20, or 80 percent.

Bodell lost his title in his last fight to Dan McAlinden, another with a better than average score against the Yanks. He won 18, drew two, and lost four, And the free-swinging Irishman has one other claim to distinction: He went to New York in March 1971, and outpointed Rahaman Ali in a six-rounder on the Frazier-Ali undercard at Madison Square Garden.

Given the dearth of big-time boxing at what was once Headquarters, and the current sorry state of Britsih heavyweights, McAlinden could well be the last British heavy to whip a Yank in the Garden. The last name on a very, very short list of those who carried the banner of what was once the proudest tradition in boxing—the British heavyweight—one which has now seemingly set. At least for the present. □

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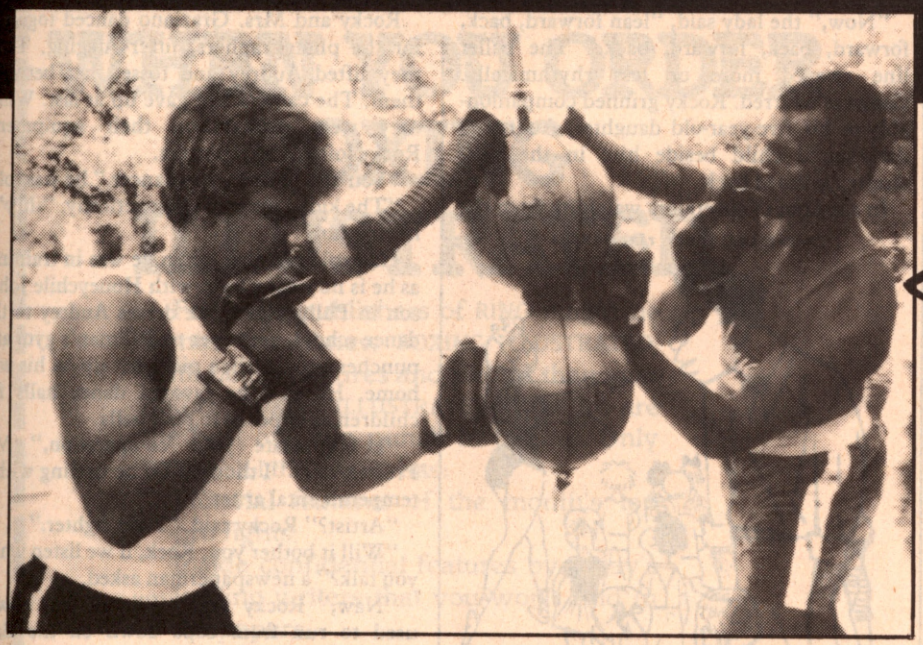

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ROCKY GOES TO BALLET SCHOOL

November 16, 1950—The Wally Wanger School of Dancing, 1650 Broadway, was crawling with moppets and mommas and photographers and Grazianos. It had been announced that Professor Rocky Graziano, the noted lecturer, would address pupils of the school on physical culture, and the event brought out more newsreel, television, and news cameras than Yakov Malik ever saw.

Hips-deep in small fry, the former middleweight champion of the world was doing a tap dance in a small room made hotly bright by phototgraphers' flood lamps. He wore slacks and a gleaming white shirt with the cuffs turned back and, almost hidden beneath the long points of his collar, a small rust-colored bow tie. His feet went slappety-slap slippety-slap. He was pretty good at it.

"A very talented artist," observed Sy Presten, a press agent who had arranged the program to avoid publicity for the dancing school.

A lady instructor started herding children into a line against one wall. Professor Graziano eyed her with an artist's appreciation. She was a lissome dish, triumphantly blonde, wearing a red-and-white candy-striped bolero and a frilly black swim suit somewhat briefer than this sentence, with a white scarf wrapped like a dust cap about her pretty head.

The nippers were as tractable as a pitful of small serpents, but at length they were marshaled against the wall with the professor in the middle of the line. The instructor spread her arms in a ballet attitude, like a swimmer doing the Australian crawl. Pupils and professor followed suit.

"Now," the lady said, "lean forward, back, forward, back, forward, back." The ballet line swayed more or less rhythmically. Cameras whirred. Rocky grinned companionably at his five-year-old daughter, Audrey, a dark-haired child beside him in the line. Audrey grinned back.

In the knot of spectators watching from the doorway, a slender, striking blonde covered her eyes with her hand. "Oh, no!" she moaned. "He's not the ballet type." This was Mrs. Rocky, Audrey's mother.

PROFESSOR ROCKY TERPSICHORE

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The picture-taking went on for a solid hour. Again and again the kids and their grinning companion did a rudimentary tap step in unison-kick, brush, tap. Again and again they leaped high, kicking their heels together behind them. The studio is on the fourth floor. At one especially thunderous crash Mr. Wanger, the proprietor, looked up from his desk in the reception room.

"Lease-breakers," he said.

By now there were three reporters watching from the reception room, and Rocky, recognizing them, waved a greeting. He was a trifle self-conscious. He said something to Mr. Presten, and in a few minutes the press agent confided: "He'd kind of like to back out now. Doesn't want to talk."

"If we're going to embarrass him," a reporter said, "we can leave."

"No," Mr. Presten said, "he'll be all right."

Rocky and Mrs. Graziano danced together for the photographers, jitter-bugging. Then they lifted Audrey and tossed her between them. The cameraman gave up at last. While they were dismantling their equipment, Rocky joined the reporters.

"You're a hell of a tap-dancer," he was told.

"The kids," he said apologetically, "they're having fun."

He explained that when he was in training, as he is now for a fight with Honeychile Johnson in Philadelphia, he drives Audrey to the dance school, goes over to Stillman's gym and punches people, then picks her up on his way home. He said he favored dance halls for children as opposed to pool halls.

"I appreciate your co-operation," Mr. Presten said. "I thought I'd be dealing with a temperamental aritst."

"Artist?" Rocky said. "I'm a fighter."

"Will it bother you, Rock, if we listen while you talk?" a newspaperman asked.

"Naw," Rocky said. "I'll tell 'em how I used to run from cops down on the East Side."

When all the cameras were out, the children squatted tailor-fashion on the floor and Rocky stood facing them, flexing his arms.

"Now, children," he said, "I'd like to see you quiet."

They chattered rapturously.

"Quiet!" the lady instructor commanded. "Mr. Graziano is going to speak to you." They subsided slightly.

"Now, dancing," the professor said, "is very good for you, especially for boys. When I was real young, I t'ought dancing might make a sissy out of you, but it's very, very good for you. Youse should be good little boys and girls and someday maybe you'll be movie stars."

His audience squealed.

"You don't want to be movie stars?" the professor said. "Who wants to be movie stars?" There was a babble of voices.

"Well," the professor said, "you got any questions for me?"

Nobody had.

"My last fight," he volunteered, "went ten rounds." The response was confused. "Well," the professor said, "that's all I can tell 'em. What else could I tell 'em?" He turned back to his audience.

"God bless you," he said, "be good citizens." ■

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Hips-deep in small fry, the former middleweight champion of the world was doing a tap dance in a small room made hotly bright by phototgraphers' flood lamps. He wore slacks and a gleaming white shirt with the cuffs turned back and, almost hidden beneath the long points of his collar, a small rust-colored bow tie. His feet went slappety-slap slippety-slap. He was pretty good at it.

"A very talented artist," observed Sy Presten, a press agent who had arranged the program to avoid publicity for the dancing school.

A lady instructor started herding children into a line against one wall. Professor Graziano eyed her with an artist's appreciation. She was a lissome dish, triumphantly blonde, wearing a red-and-white candy-striped bolero and a frilly black swim suit somewhat briefer than this sentence, with a white scarf wrapped like a dust cap about her pretty head.

The nippers were as tractable as a pitful of small serpents, but at length they were marshaled against the wall with the professor in the middle of the line. The instructor spread her arms in a ballet attitude, like a swimmer doing the Australian crawl. Pupils and professor followed suit.

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